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MARMALADE BOY 【5】

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Introducing the Cast of Characters

Suou Ginta
Miki's classmate
Confessed his feelings for Miki

Koishikawa Miki

Akizuki Meiko
Close friend of Miki
A person of solid character

Suzuki Arimi
Yuu's old girlfriend
Still likes Yuu

Matsuura Yuu

Miwa Satoshi
Student body president
Is Yuu's half-brother!?

Miki and Yuu come to live in the same house due to their parents announcing that they're swapping marriage partners. Miki gradually becomes attracted to Yuu, who sometimes displays sweetness despite being mean.

One day, Miwa Satoshi, the student body president, suddenly approaches Yuu!! When a dangerous rumor seems to be growing, it's Miki who stands resolutely against it, but has she somehow swung and missed!?

When looking into the connection between Yuu and Satoshi, who have quickly become close friends, Miki and Meiko trail after the two of them after school. And then, they met Miwa Yoshimitsu, an architect who is Satoshi's father. Actually, it's said that this Miwa Yoshimitsu is Yuu's real father!

Miki also goes along with Yuu and Satoshi, who say they're going to confirm that in person. But, contrary to expectations, Miwa Yoshimitsu replies that "I am not your father," and...

"I AM NOT THE SOLUTION IN YOUR SEARCH FOR YOUR FATHER."
"HE'S SOMEONE ELSE."
WHAT IN THE WORLD POSSESSED YOU TO THINK THAT WAY?
OH, BROTHER.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE REASON AT ALL.
THAT ...
BUT THAT CAN'T BE...

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I READ IT IN MOTHER'S OLD DIARY
THAT YOU WERE HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH CHIYAKO-SAN, AND ...
THAT CHIYAKO-SAN QUIT AT THE OFFICE, MARRIED, AND THAT THE CHILD SHE GAVE BIRTH TO IS SURELY YOUR CHILD, FATHER ..
...!
IS THAT TRUE?
WHY WOULD I BE LYING!?
DID YOU REALLY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH CHIYAKO-SAN?
I GIVE UP...
I KNEW YOUR MOTHER SUSPECTED I HAD A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHIYAKO-SAN, BUT...
THAT SHE DISTRUSTED ME TO THOSE LENGTHS

I love music

NO...
I DIDN'T DARE CORRECT THE MISUNDERSTANDING.
WHY NOT!?
EVEN THOUGH YOU TOLD THAT TO MOTHER, SHE DIDN'T BELIEVE YOU!?
NOTHING HAPPENED
EHHHHH!?
BECAUSE IT CAMOUFLAGED MY GOING OUT WITH OTHER WOMEN.
BY ACCIDENT, I FOUND AN OLD LETTER THAT MY GRANDMOTHER SENT TO MY FATHER.
WHY DID YOU THINK I WAS YOUR FATHER?
Ahem
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, MATSUURA-KUN?

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"IF YOU'VE ALREADY DECIDED, THEN I WON'T SAY ANYTHING MORE, BUT I WORRY WHETHER YOU CAN FIND HAPPINESS."
THAT'S WHAT THE LETTER CONTAINED ...
"CAN YOU REALLY HAVE A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE WITH A WOMAN WHO IS CARRYING A BABY BY A FORMER LOVER?"
"CAN YOU CONTINUE TO LOVE THAT WIFE AND THAT CHILD?"
FATHER DIDN'T SEEM TO SAY IT STRAIGHT OUT LIKE THAT, BUT...
MY GRAND-MOTHER SEEMED TO THINK SO
DID IT SAY IN THAT LETTER THAT I WAS THE "FORMER LOVER"?
I CAN'T DO THAT!
BE RESOLUTE AND TRY ASKING YOUR PARENTS ...
THAT TOO, IS A MISUNDER-STANDING.
YOUR GRAND-MOTHER WAS MISTAKEN.

I DON'T WANT IT TO BECOME AN UNPLEASANT SITUATION
I CAN'T ASK THEM...
I SEE...
SHE PASSED AWAY.
THEN, ASK YOUR GRANDMOTHER... THE ONE WHO WROTE THAT LETTER.
IT REALLY ISN'T YOU?

NO.
BUT...
BECAUSE
EVEN IF YOU HAD NO RELATIONSHIP AT ALL, IT ISN'T NATURAL THAT EVERYONE'S MISTAKEN ABOUT YOU AND MY MOTHER!
PLEASE TELL ME THE TRUTH!
I BEG YOU!
IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT!?

REALLY,
I'M NOT...
THINKING THAT I WANTED TO GO OUT WITH HER, I TOLD HER SO
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH
I DID INDEED FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR MOTHER.
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE A WIFE!
What cheek!
OF COURSE AS FAR AS GETTING HER TO GO OUT TO EAT WITH ME ON HER WAY HOME FROM WORK, THERE WERE A FEW TIMES
BUT THAT'S ALL IT WAS
BUT SHE DIDN'T TELL ME YES
SHE HAD A SWEETHEART WITH WHO SHE WAS GOING OUT SINCE THE TIME SHE WAS A STUDENT
THAT PERSON IS PROBABLY YOUR FATHER.

I WAS REJECTED
OHH. IS THAT IT...
THIS ISN'T A JOKE!
FATHER, BECAUSE YOU FELL FOR CHIYAKO-SAN AND, EVEN IN SPITE OF THE SITUATION, HIT ON HER, A MISUNDER-STANDING LIKE THIS WAS SPAWNED!!
S-SORRY
OOO... I SEE

MIWA-SAN..
S-SATOSHI, CALM DOWN.
ALL THIS TIME, IN MY HEART AND YUU'S, WE BECAME CONVINCED THAT IT WAS LIKE THAT.
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!?
IT'S OKAY ALREADY.
SATOSHI-SAN.

IT'S
OKAY
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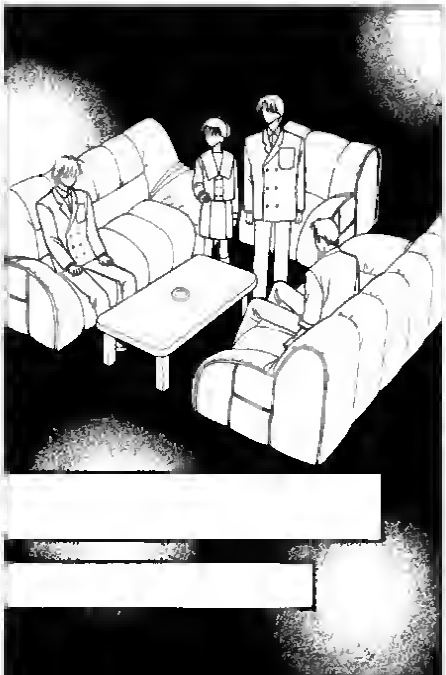
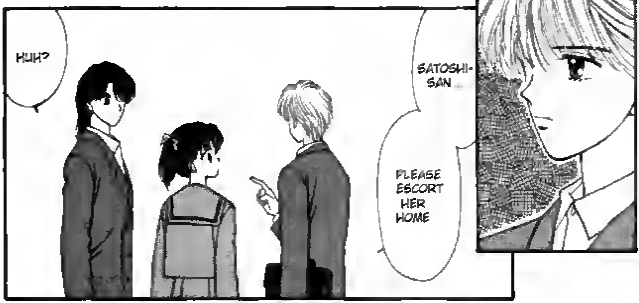


MY MOTHER. WHY DOESN'T SHE DIVORCE A GUY LIKE THAT?
Even now, I'm sure he has 2 or 3 women
I WONDER IF SHE HAS A WEAKNESS FOR FALLING IN LOVE
MAYBE SHE JUST PUTS UP WITH IT AND DOESN'T WANT TO PART WITH HIM...
I SMELL THE SEA...
HUH? YEAH...
THE BEACH IS OVER THERE!
HMM


HUH?
SATOSHI-SAN
PLEASE ESCORT HER HOME

I'M GOING FOR A LITTLE WALK BEFORE GOING HOME.
BYE...
SOMEHOW, I'VE SUDDENLY GOTTEN THE URGE TO SEE THE OCEAN.

YUU!

Heh
I THOUGHT THAT IF I HAD A KID BROTHER LIKE YOU...
IT WOULD BE FUN, BUT...
I DIDN'T REALLY WANT AN OLDER BROTHER LIKE YOU, SATOSHI-SAN
SEE YA!

...I DID SOMETHING BAD, HM.
WELL, IF HE HAS THE SPIRIT TO SAY SPITEFUL THINGS LIKE THAT, THEN HE'S ALL RIGHT, HUH...
MIWA-SAN!
UMM. I'LL BE GOING AFTER ALL.
SURE ENOUGH, I JUST CAN'T LEAVE HIM ALONE..
YEAH ..
THEN, EXCUSE ME!
PON

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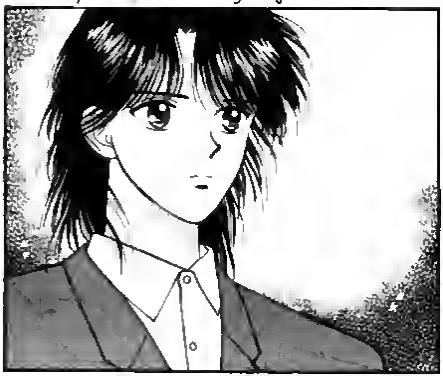
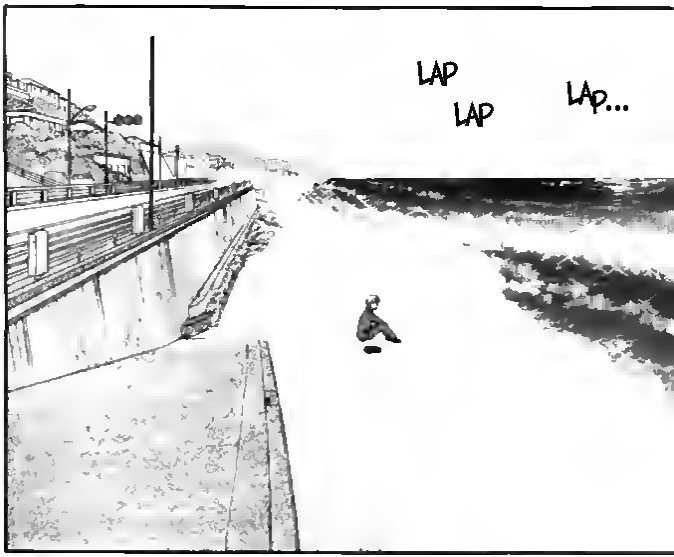


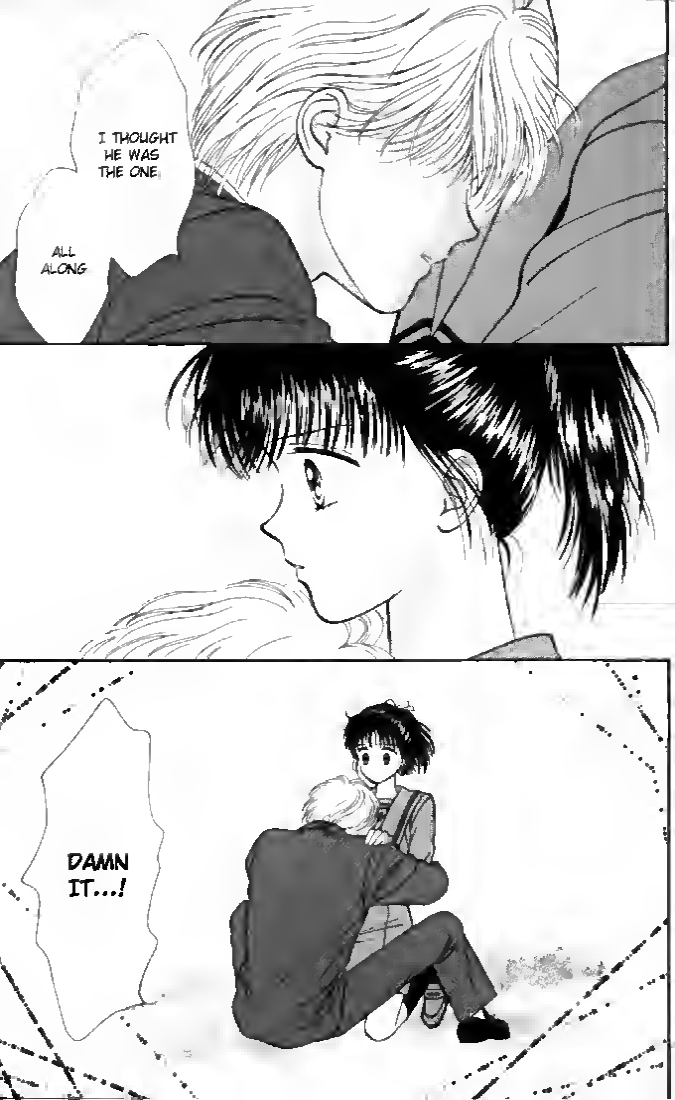


LAP
LAP
LA-A-AP
CRUNCH
LET'S GO HOME NOW
YUU ..

LAP...
BUT YOU'VE BEEN LIKE THIS FOR AN HOUR ALREADY.
YEAH ...
A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO GO HOME AHEAD OF ME
WHOOSH
WAH!
Brr!
LAP
LAP
LA-A-AP

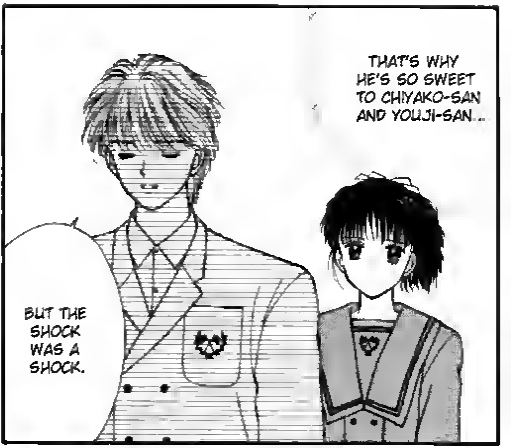
LET'S GO HOME, 'KAY?
HEY, THE WIND'S GOTTEN CHILLY
YOU'LL CATCH COLD
"COME TO THINK OF IT..."
AHHHH
COME TO THINK OF IT, IT IS A BIT COLD
HUH ..?
WILL YOU WARM ME UP?

W-WAIT A MINUTE,
YUU-U-U.


I THOUGHT HE WAS THE ONE.
ALL ALONG
DAMN IT...!

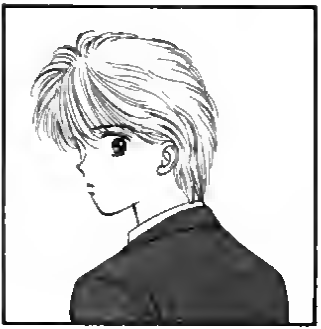
LAP LAP...

WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT I WASN'T MY FATHER'S REAL CHILD, I WAS TERRIBLY SHOCKED.
I COULD ONLY THINK THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BORN...
AND I CAME TO FEEL AS IF MY VERY EXISTENCE WAS BEING DENIED
LAP LAP...
FOR ABOUT A MONTH, I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO SPEAK TO MY FATHER OR MOTHER AND I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO SEE THEIR FACES, EITHER
BUT...
I STOPPED TO THINK HARD ABOUT SEVERAL THINGS...
LA-A-AP
LAP...
FOR A MOTHER WHO DIDN'T HAVE AN ABORTION AND GAVE BIRTH TO ME
AND FOR A FATHER WHO, ALTHOUGH I'M NOT EVEN RELATED BY BLOOD, TREATED ME WITH LOVE AND RAISED ME
I CAME TO THINK THAT I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL


THAT'S WHY HE'S SO SWEET TO CHIYAKO-SAN AND YOUJI-SAN...
BUT THE SHOCK WAS A SHOCK.

SINCE THEN
I BECAME A PERSON WHO COULDN'T TRUST ANYONE
I BECAME AFRAID OF TRUSTING AND BEING BETRAYED.
I BECAME UNABLE TO REVEAL MY TRUE SELF

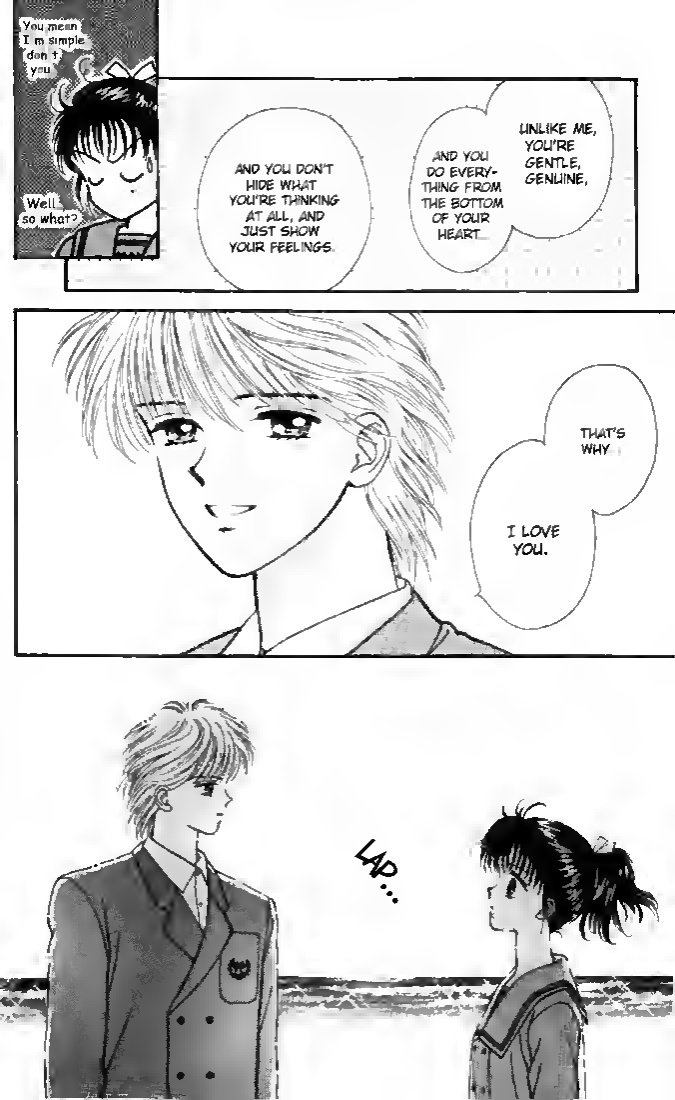
I CAME TO THINK THAT...
"IT DOESN'T MATTER."
TO THINK THAT "MIWA YOSHIMITSU" WASN'T MY FATHER, AND SATOSHI-SAN WASN'T MY BIG BROTHER...
AH-AHH...
BUT STILL...
MY REAL FATHER... WHERE COULD HE BE?
EVEN THOUGH I WAS CONVINCED IT WAS SO ALL THOSE YEARS...
WHAT AN IDIOT...


IT'S OKAY,
ALREADY

AS TO WHERE YOUR REAL FATHER IS, IT'S OKAY ALREADY.
THERE'S US—
WE'RE YOUR FAMILY!

OF COURSE, CHIYAKO-SAN, TOO
WE AREN'T RELATED BY BLOOD, AND...
YOUJI-SAN AND PAPA AND MAMA AND...
ME AND...
I THINK THAT WE'RE A PRECIOUS FAMILY,
AND WE ALL LOVE YOU, YUU..!
SURE IT'S A BIT... I MEAN, IT'S PRETTY...
DIFFERENT FROM THE NORM, AND IT'S A STRANGE FAMILY...
BUT
LAP...
WHEN I HEARD THE STORY ABOUT THE MARRIAGE SWAP...
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THAT ALSO GAVE ME A SHOCK!
THAT'S TRUE...
Heh

I THOUGHT THAT MY FATHER AND MOTHER HAD OVERCOME MANY THINGS, AND WERE DEEPLY IN LOVE, BUT...
"TO SWITCH PARTNERS SO EASILY?" .. I ASKED
BUT I WAS MADE UMMLINE FROM SHOCK...
SO IT WAS EASY TO PRETEND THAT IT DIDN'T MATTER
I MEAN... INSTEAD OF JUST PRE-TENDING,
I WAS TRULY ABLE TO EASILY THINK THAT WAY.
I LOST ALL MY INNOCENCE...
BE-
BECAUSE THAT WAS...
BUT YOU WERE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
WHEN YOU MET EVERYONE FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU SORT OF CRIED AND STOOD AGAINST IT...


You mean I'm simple, don't you
Well, so what?
AND YOU DON'T HIDE WHAT YOU'RE THINKING AT ALL, AND JUST SHOW YOUR FEELINGS.
AND YOU DO EVERY-THING FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART.
UNLIKE ME, YOU'RE GENTLE, GENUINE,
THAT'S WHY
I LOVE YOU.
LAP...

I EVEN SAID IT BEFORE
I SAID THAT I SAW YOU SLEEPING AND, WITHOUT THINKING, I KISSED YOU BECAUSE I LIKE YOU
THOUGH YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE
I-
I...
I LOVE YOU, TOO, YUU!
.....
REALLY ...?

I'M-
I'M NOT SAYING IT JUST BECAUSE. I REALLY ...
DON'T ONLY BE SWAYED BY THE MOOD AND SAY SOMETHING JUST BECAUSE
STUPID.
EVEN HE'S SOMEONE THAT YOU
LIKE BEFORE, WHEN YOU WERE FLIRTING WITH HIM AT OUR FRONT GATE
IN THIS SITUATION, WOULDN'T YOU BE SAYING THE SAME THING EVEN IF SUOU WAS THE ONE HERE?
BUT THAT'S AS A FRIEND!
SURE, I LIKE GINTA A LOT...
YOU'RE WRONG!

GINTA AND MEIKO ARE THE SAME
HE'S A DEAR FRIEND WHO I DIDN'T WANT TAKEN AWAY BY ARIMI-SAN
BUT YOU'RE DIFFERENT, YUU!
WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT MEIKO AND NATCHAN WERE GOING OUT TOGETHER, I
FELT LIKE MEIKO WAS BEING TAKEN AWAY BY NATCHAN, AND I HATED THAT.
INSTEAD OF ME, NATCHAN WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE TO MEIKO, AND THAT MADE ME AWFULLY SAD.
THAT'S WHEN I UNDERSTOOD
YOU'RE SOMEONE I LOVE.
THE ONE WHO ALWAYS MAKES MY HEART THROB TO THE POINT WHERE I'M VEXED.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE, YUU!

YOUR LIPS...
ARE TURNING BLUE.
THUMP...

THEY'VE GROWN COM-PLETELY COLD.
AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
I'M SORRY

LA-A-AP...
LAP LAP

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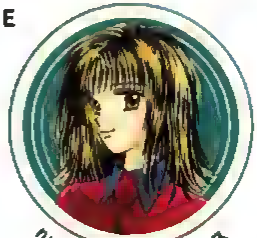

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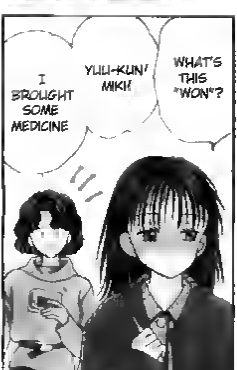
On a long-awaited Sunday
WHAT WERE THE BOTH OF THEM DOING?
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE WALKING ABOUT AT THE BEACH YESTERDAY, OUT IN THE COLD FOR A LONG TIME
MAYBE SCHOOL IS OUT OF THE QUESTION TOMORROW. HMM...



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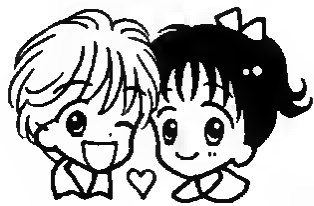
AHHHH, I'M TIRED
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM AND SLEEP
Ulp!
THE BEACH? WHY A PLACE LIKE THAT?
DUNNO
Are they all right?
What's this? What's this?
UH-HUH
WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT, TOO, MIKI?
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.
STAY WARM AND TAKE IT EASY



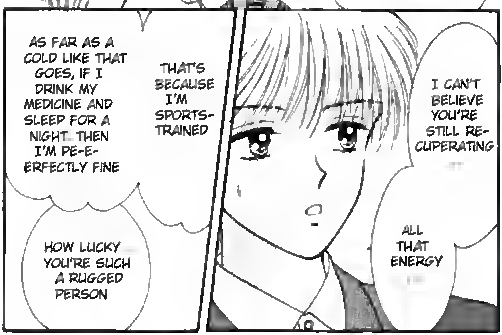
2nd floor hallway
Dizzy
MY HEAD FEELS FOGGY AND ISN'T FUNCTIONING AT ALL
SOMEHOW, YESTERDAY FEELS LIKE A DREAM.
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT REALLY HAPPENED
YUU'S DRY, CHILLED LIPS...
THE SOUND OF THE WAVES...
SEA BREEZE...
BUT THAT BEACH'S...
EVEN NOW...
I REMEMBER IT CLEARLY...

Kiss
HUH ..!?
MIKI.
SLAM!
.....
GOOD NI-I-IGHT.
AND I ALSO TOLD HIM I LOVE HIM...
YUU TOLD ME HE LOVES ME..
IT ISN'T A DREAM AFTER ALL.

MY FEVER'S GONE UP EVEN MO-O-ORE.
WAHHH!
SIZZLE!
IT ISN'T A DREAM.
YUU...
AND I HAVE BOTH DECLARED OUR FEELINGS OF LOVE...

SAY, YUU,
SCRAMBLED EGGS ARE OKAY, RIGHT?
SWISH SWISH

I WAS THINKING OF DOING THEM SUNNY-SIDE UP, BUT THEY FELL APART...
EH HEH!
...


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE STILL RE-CUPERATING
ALL THAT ENERGY
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M SPORTS-TRAINED
AS FAR AS A COLD LIKE THAT GOES, IF I DRINK MY MEDICINE AND SLEEP FOR A NIGHT. THEN I'M PE-E-ERFECTLY FINE
HOW LUCKY YOU'RE SUCH A RUGGED PERSON

IS THAT SO
HEY, I'M NOT LIKE YOU I'M DELICATE. I STILL HAVE A SLIGHT FEVER
Sorry for being rugged

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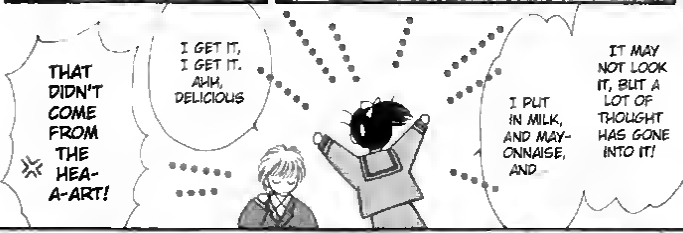
IT'S LIKE SOMETHING THAT EVEN A KINDER-GARTEN KID COULD EASILY DO
BUT I CAN'T CALL SOMETHING LIKE THIS A "DISH," CAN I
HOW CRU-U-UEL!


THAT DIDN'T COME FROM THE HEA-A-ART!
I GET IT, I GET IT. AHH, DELICIOUS
I PUT IN MILK, AND MAY-ONNAISE, AND
IT MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT A LOT OF THOUGHT HAS GONE INTO IT!

THE MORNING SCENE IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL.
I'm telling you it really is good
Really? After all?
YUU IS JUST HIS USUAL, SPITEFUL SELF.

IS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION?
BUT, FOR SOME REASON, THAT IT SEEMS HIS EYES LOOK GENTLER...
TRIUMPHANTLY!
So easily thrilled by success
If you want seconds I can make you more!
THE MORNING SCENE IS THE SAME AS IT'S ALWAYS BEEN UP TO NOW.
BUT I'M AWFULLY HAPPY.
AWFULLY LUCKY...

WOW... I SEE FINALLY...
UH-HUH
HUH!?
THEN YOU AND MATSUURA-KUN...
UH-HUH THANKS
Eh Heh
HOW WONDER-FUL, MIKI
I KNOW.
I'LL TELL HIM.
I CAN'T VERY WELL KEEP IT FROM HIM.
SO THEN
HAVE YOU TOLD GINTA ABOUT THAT?

I SEE...
HE SAID SHE'S BEEN THINKING OF HIM SO MUCH, SO HE WANTS TO SEE HER IN PROPER FASHION AND MAKE THINGS CLEAR
YUU SAID HE'LL SEE ARIMI-SAN AS WELL SOMETIME SOON...
THWACK
THWACK
THWACK
THWACK
.....
I'M SORRY, GINTA...

OH, AND...
CONGRATULATIONS ON MAKING IT TO THE INTER-HIGHS
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T GO AND ROOT FOR YOU SATURDAY
THAT TIME...
BACK IN 2ND YEAR JUNIOR HIGH...
IF I'D TOLD YOU MY FEELINGS LIKE I SHOULD HAVE...
WE'D PROBABLY BE GOING OUT TOGETHER NOW, WOULDN'T WE...?
BUT IN EITHER CASE, YOU'D BE SNATCHED AWAY BY MATSUURA LATER ON, HUH
THAT'S
IT WOULD END UP THE SAME
JEEZ IF ONLY HE HADN'T APPEARED
AHH... SOMEHOW, I'M FILLING MYSELF WITH RAGE!

MIKI!
IF HE SHOULD EVER MAKE YOU CRY, TELL ME RIGHT AWAY!
I'LL KICK HIS BUTT!!
HUH!?

I'LL KEEP THIS ANGER WITH CARE UNTIL THAT DAY!
YUP. NOW THAT I'VE DECIDED THAT, SOMEHOW, I FEEL REFRESHED

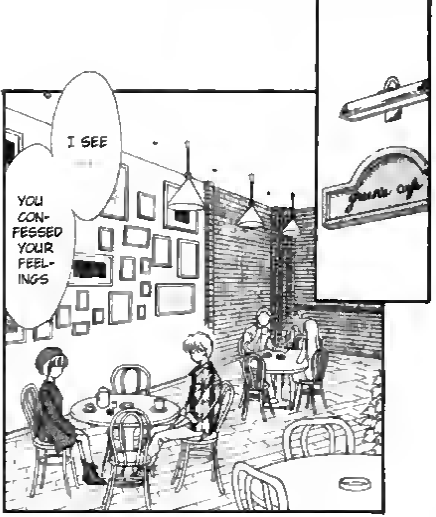
GINTA
I'm looking forward to it
I hope it's that day soon

Miki

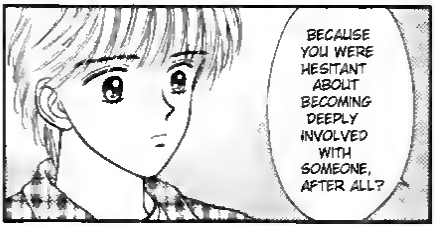
SAY...
WE'LL STILL BE FRIENDS FOREVER FROM NOW ON, RIGHT?

I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU TODAY!
WELL! LET'S HIT SOME STROKES!
DUMMY
OF COURSE

THANK YOU, GINTA.
'KAY!
I THANK YOU, TRULY...
AND BEST MALE FRIEND.
MY FIRST LOVE...


I SEE
YOU CONFESSED YOUR FEELINGS

SAY
YOU'D REALIZED YOU LOVED MIKI-SAN FROM LONG BEFORE, DIDN'T YOU?
WAS THE FACT THAT YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT CLEAR UNTIL NOW...


BECAUSE YOU WERE HESITANT ABOUT BECOMING DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH SOMEONE, AFTER ALL?

YEAH
I THINK PERHAPS THAT'S TRUE
BUT, FROM NOW ON I'M GOING TO CHANGE.
I THINK I'D LIKE TO CHANGE
I'M GLAD.
SO YOU'RE FINALLY ABLE TO HIT OTHERS WITH YOUR TRUE FEELINGS, HM.
I'M RE-LIEVED.
ALTHOUGH, THAT PERSON ISN'T ME IS A LITTLE DIS-APPOINTING, HM.
ARIMI
I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID ABOUT YOU NOT BEING ABLE TO HAVE A NORMAL LOVE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

THOUGH I HAVE A REQUEST
WILL YOU HOLD ME?
HARD.
SQUEEZE
SURE

I WAS HAPPY, FOR HAVING BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU, YUU.
THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO HAVE FEELINGS LIKE THIS
I'M GRATE-FUL.
I'M SORRY
Sniffle!
THANK YOU.
AMONG GIRLS, I LIKE YOU, ARIMI, SECOND ONLY TO MIKI.

FWIP!
WELL THEN!
I'M GOING HOME.
SAY HELLO TO MIKI-SAN!
PLEASE TELL HER THAT SHE MUSTN'T WAVER TOWARDS SUOU-KUN ANYMORE, OKA-A-AY?

FAREWELL
...
YUU...

HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR NEW YEAR'S CARDS ALREADY?
BUZZ
BUZZ
SAY, YOU WANNA GO TO HATSUMOUDE?*
ALL RI-I-IGHT. IT'S WINTER BRE-E-EAK
* NOTE <IS THE FIRST VISIT TO A TEMPLE IN THE NEW YEAR >
SURE
YUU, LET'S GO HOME!
IT WAS EXACTLY THIS DAY LAST YEAR, HUH
WHEN OUR PARENTS ENTERED THE NAMES IN THEIR FAMILY REGISTERS
UH-HUH
A YEAR FLIES BY SO FAST, DOESN'T IT?

WINTER BREAK LAST YEAR WAS TERRIBLE, HUH.
OUR PARENTS DECIDED ON THEIR OWN TO GO ON A HONEY-MOON...
AND CHRISTMAS WAS HORRIBLE, TOO, HM.
GINTA AND ARIMI-SAN, AND EVEN ROKUTANDA-KUN BURST IN ON US...
SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS, I HEAR THAT THIS YEAR OUR WHOLE FAMILY WILL BE GOING OUT TO EAT.
REALLY!? YAYYY!
BY THE WAY...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? SHOULD WE...
TELL OUR PARENTS ABOUT US?
AH...
YEAH
WHY DON'T WE KEEP IT SECRET, AFTER ALL? I'M KINDA EMBARRASSED
AND I ALSO THINK THEY'LL TEASE US CONSTANTLY.
YEAH.
Perhaps that's true
BESIDES, I'VE BEEN TOLD BY MAMA THAT I MUSTN'T FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU, YUU.
EH? HOW COME?
SHE SAID THAT WE MUSTN'T THROW THE HOUSE INTO ANY FURTHER CONFUSION.
EHHHH? HOW WELL-SAID. THAT'S THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK.
ISN'T IT!?

BUT YOU EASILY SHOW THINGS IN YOUR EXPRESSION AND BEHAVIOR
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN HIDE IT?
MAYBE NOT.

WELL, THEN LET'S KEEP IT QUIET, HUH
KEEPING IT A SECRET MIGHT EVEN BE RATHER THRILLING AND FUN, HM

SAY, I WONDER IF IT'LL SNOW ON CHRISTMAS EVE?
IT WOULD BE NICE IF IT WERE A WHITE CHRISTMAS!

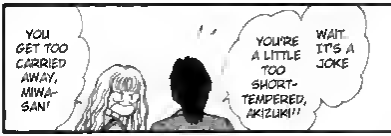
THAT'S TRUE..

I HAVE TO WRITE A MANUSCRIPT FOR THE CLUB'S MAGAZINE OVER WINTER BREAK.
I STILL HAVEN'T EVEN GATHERED ENOUGH MATERIAL...
THAT'S GREAT. THEN YOU AND I...
THAT'S NO GOOD.
I'M BUSY.
CHRISTMAS?
I HAVE NO PLANS TO GO OUT, BUT...
THE CLUB'S MAGAZINE?
AHH, YOU'RE WRITING A REVIEW, HM. I'M ALWAYS READING IT.
WHO ARE YOU STUDYING THIS TIME? DAZAI? AKUTAGAWA?
IT'S UPDIKE...
I'VE ONLY DEALT WITH ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE...
You really read them you jerk?
I WANT TO DO IT WITHOUT ANYONE'S HELP.
NO!
AND SO, FOR ABOUT A DAY—
WHETHER IT'S A BOOKSTORE OR A LIBRARY, I'LL GO ALL THROUGH TOKYO WITH YOU!
IF IT'S COLLECTING MATERIAL YOU'RE DOING, THEN I'LL HELP.

I SEE..
IT WAS HOPE-LESS AFTER ALL, HUH ..
IF IT'S JUST DRINKING TEA,
THEN IT'S ALL RIGHT IF WE GO OUT.
REALLY !?
IN-STEAD OF THAT
PLEASE TREAT ME TO A DELICIOUS CAKE
Tee
I'LL TREAT YOU TO HOWEVER MANY CAKES YOU WANT!
ALL RIGHT! IT WAS TOTALLY WORTH IT, TURNING DOWN ALL THE OTHER INVITATIONS!

I'M HAPPY.
AT LONG LAST, YOU'VE ALSO COME TO UNDERSTAND MY CHARM.
BECAUSE YOU'RE SO EAGER TO INVITE ME...
JUST HAVING TEA IS OKAY...

I TAKE BACK MY PROMISE!


YOU GET TOO CARRIED AWAY, MIWA-SAN!
YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO SHORT-TEMPERED, AKIZUKI!!
WAIT. IT'S A JOKE

OH!?
THIS REST-AURANT

THAT REMINDS ME, HMM... WHEN MIKI GOT ANGRY ALL BY HERSELF.
SUCH FOND MEM-ORIES, RIGHT?
WHERE WE HAD OUR FIRST MEETING.
THAT STORY... PLEASE STOP.

IT SEEMS LIKE PAPA AND CHIYAKO-SAN, AND MAMA AND YOUJI-SAN, TOO...

ARE VERY MUCH IN LOVE...

BUT ALL FOUR OF THEM...

WERE IN LOVE WITH DIFFERENT PARTNERS BEFORE...

HAD SOMEONE, EVEN BEFORE YOUJI-SAN, THAT SHE WAS IN LOVE WITH SO MUCH THAT SHE HAD A CHILD BY HIM...
AND TO THINK THAT CHIYAKO-SAN...
I WONDER IF THAT'S HOW, THINGS ARE?
AND EVEN THOUGH BACK THEN, BACK THEN THEY WERE SERIOUSLY IN LOVE, THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS.
WILL COME TO LIKE SOME-ONE OTHER THAN YUU?
COULD IT BE THAT SOMEDAY, EVEN I...
LONG AGO, EVEN IN MY CASE, I LIKED GINTA...

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE FUTURE...

BUT, I'D LIKE TO REMAIN IN LOVE JUST WITH YUU, FOREVER AND EVER.

I HAVE TO DO MY BEST AND BECOME A FINE GIRL...

I HAVE TO DO MY BEST SO THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO LOVE ME FOREVER.

I'D LIKE YUU AS WELL TO STAY IN LOVE WITH ME FOREVER.

WE'RE GOING OUT TO DRINK FOR A BIT.
BYE BY-Y-YE ♡
FROM HERE ON OUT IT'S ADULT TIME.
BYE!
DAMN.
WHAT'S THIS, HUH? JUST YOURSELVES
NO FA-A-AIR.
THAT'S IT. LET'S GO THERE TO THAT PARK
Though it's a bit far
THE PLACE WE MET GOING HOME FROM THE WARD OFFICE LAST YEAR!
OKAY.
LET'S TAKE A WALK AND GO HOME.
Though it's cold
OH WELL, THAT'S OKAY.
THE TWO OF US CAN BE ALONE TOGETHER
Park

HERE IT IS
WE WERE SITTING ON THE BENCH OVER THERE
WAS IT REALLY HERE?
IT FEELS A BIT DIFFERENT AT NIGHT, HM
MY FEELINGS BECAME VERY CALM
BACK THEN, YOU QUIETLY STAYED BESIDE ME, AND I WAS VERY HAPPY
I m kidding
I m kidding
GRRRR!
MY HEAD WAS FILLED WITH THE THOUGHT THAT I'D FAILED TO EAT ITALIAN FOOD...
IS THAT SO?

WOW
LOOKS WARM...
A NICE COLOR, ISN'T IT?
I THOUGHT IT WOULD GO WELL WITH THAT COAT.
UH-HUH I LIKE IT A LOT
THANK YOU.
WOWWW...
IT'S CUTE...!
A gold bracelet!
3 PEARLS IN A ROW...
WELL, THIS IS FROM ME

WELL THEN, LET ME.
I'LL DO IT FOR YOU
slow
slow
OH, IT'S DIFFICULT, HM..
IT CAN'T BE PUT ON WELL
'KAY.
THANK YOU! I'M AWFULLY HAPPY.
I'LL WEAR IT EVERY DAY!
WOW..
SNOW...!

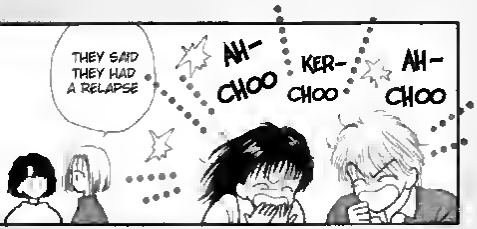
IT REALLY DID TURN OUT TO BE A WHITE CHRISTMAS HUH..

I LOVE YOU, YUU.
I LOVE YOU...
YEAH.
I LOVE YOU, TOO.

FOREVER AND EVER...

I'M SURE I'LL LOVE YOU...

THAT THIS FEELING WON'T CHANGE AT ALL.



I'M CONFIDENT...

Y'KNOW, YUU...
YESTERDAY, I DREAMED OF YOU.
I DON'T REMEMBER THE DETAILS TOO WELL...
BUT, JUST AS ALWAYS, YOU SMILED AT ME WITH YOUR SAME SMILE.
I HOPE I CAN ALSO SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS AGAIN TODAY...

Sakaki High
THWOCK!
GAME, SET AND MATCH WON BY TOURYOU.
THE SCORE IS 6-4, 6-2!
WAH!

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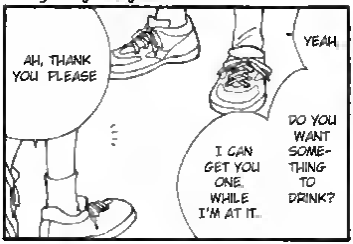
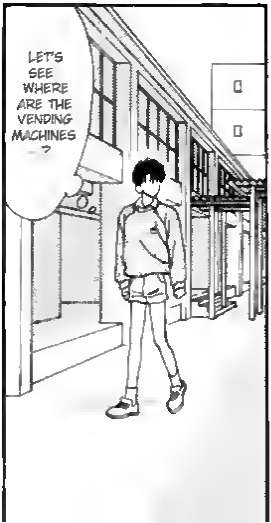


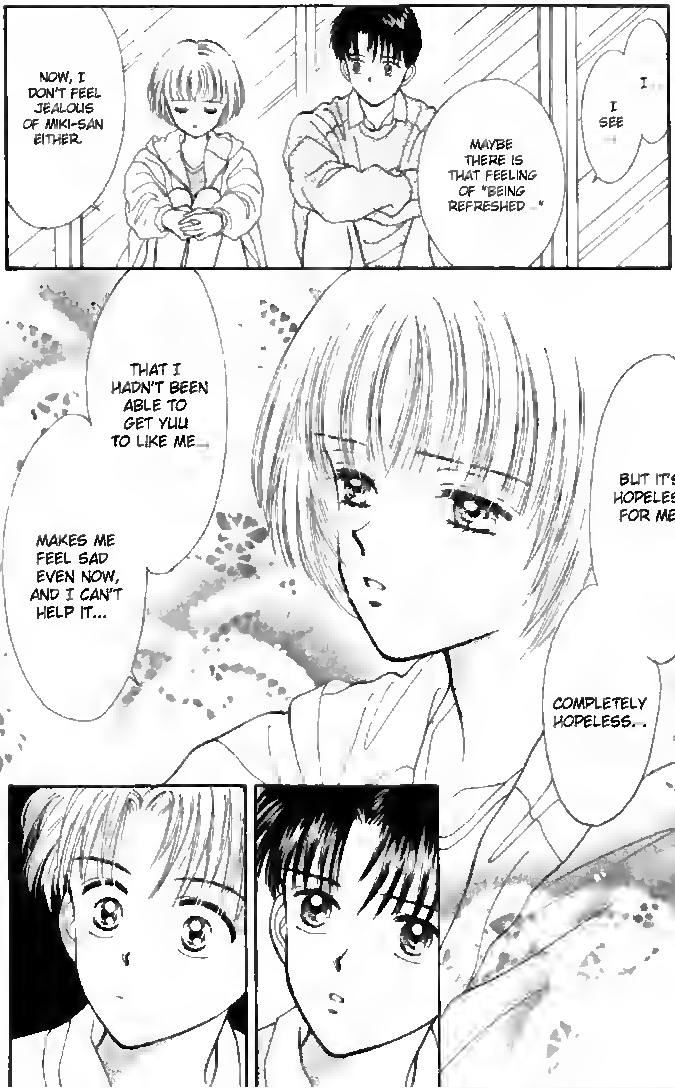


HOLD I-I-IT, GINTA!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THINKING OF RUNNING AWAY!?
I'M ONLY GOING TO BUY SOME JUICE
Koku nanda
What a constant pest
DID YOU FIND OUT THAT I WAS YOUR OPPONENT AND GET FRIGHTENED !?

SHOU-KUN?
SUZUKI-SAN!
HOW COME YOU'RE AT MY SCHOOL?
AHH, A PRACTICE MATCH?
YEAH
COULD IT BE YOU'RE TAKING PART IN A CLUB ACTIVITY?
THAT'S RIGHT THE TRACK-AND-FIELD TEAM
OHHHH !?
Sprints
That's sorta sur-prising

AH, TODAY WE'RE TOGETHER WITH THE GIRLS' TEAM TOO, SO MIKI'S HERE AS WELL!
WANNA COME?
I'LL PASS.
ROKU-TANDA'S THERE, TOO, ISN'T HE?
THAT'S TRUE...
YOU SEEM WELL
AHH SORTA
HOW ABOUT YOU?
...

WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE UNCERTAIN, I VERY MUCH WANTED MIKI...
I WAS TERRIBLY JEALOUS OF MATSUURA, AND EVERY DAY WAS REALLY PAINFUL...
WHEN...
THEY FIRST STARTED GOING OUT REGULARLY... I...
NOW THAT IT'S BEEN DECIDED LIKE THIS, I'D SAY MY FEELINGS HAVE SETTLED DOWN.
UNEXPECTEDLY, I'VE GIVEN UP COMPLETELY
CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, FELT SORTA REFRESHED.
NOW, EVEN IF I SEE THE TWO OF THEM, I DON'T FEEL JEALOUS.
WELL, A BIT ENVIOUS, BUT...
I THINK I CAN MANAGE TO BE A GOOD FRIEND TO MIKI FROM NOW ON.


NOW, I DON'T FEEL JEALOUS OF MIKI-SAN EITHER.
MAYBE THERE IS THAT FEELING OF "BEING REFRESHED..."
I... I SEE...
THAT I HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET YUU TO LIKE ME...
MAKES ME FEEL SAD EVEN NOW, AND I CAN'T HELP IT...
BUT IT'S HOPELESS FOR ME...
COMPLETELY HOPELESS..

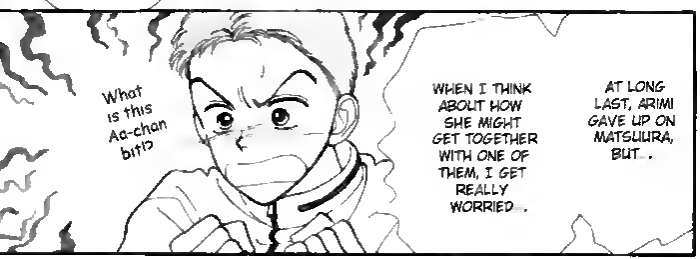
WHAT'S WITH THIS HAND!?
WHA-
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
WHAT IS IT I'M INTENDING TO DO!?
MY HAND...
MY HAND, ON IT'S OWN ...!!
WHEN I SEE SUZUKI-SAN'S EXPRESSION OF DESPAIR...

GINTA-A-A, WHERE ARE YOU-U-U!?
WHAT'S WITH THE PRATFALL?
N-NO IT'S NO-THING
You were only being called.
AAAAH!
GINTA, IT'S YOUR TURN NOW...
AH
Stay away! Stay away from her-r-r!
I'm already away from her...aren't I?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ALONE WITH ARIMI IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
WH-WHAT? NOTHING, REALLY...
IGNORE
Smile

AA-CHAN!
U-UMM...
WHAT'S WRONG?
COACH IS GETTING TIRED OF WAITING.
IT'S NOTHING
I'M COMING NOW
ZIP
ARIMI, W-
WHAT'S THIS, ROKU-TANDA?
ARE YOU STILL HANGING AROUND AA-CHAN?
OO
YOU NEVER LEARN, HM!?

WHUMP
WHUMP
WAH!
WAH!
GIVE IT UP NOW!
YOU AND AA-CHAN DON'T MATCH.
AREN'T YOU COLD?
NOPE, I'M FINE
We'll leave that idiot alone
WELL, SHALL WE GO?
WHAT ARE THEY? THAT GROUP OF THREE GORGEOUS GUYS?
WHA-
.....
Pretty amazing...
DAMN IT...

IT'S ARIMI'S FAN CLUB...
FAN CLUB!?
THE TALL ONE'S MURAI-SAN
IN GLASSES AND CURLY HAIR IS IMAI-SAN
LOOKING LIKE HE'S FROM A JOHNNIE'S POP GROUP IS TOMISHIGE-SAN
ALL THREE ARE IN 3RD-YEAR, AND RANK AS THE TOP 3 IN POPULARITY AMONG THE GIRLS AT MY SCHOOL
BUT THEY DON'T EVEN GO AND GET ANY GIRL-FRIENDS, AND, CALLING THEM-SELVES A FAN CLUB, THEY FOLLOW HER AROUND!


What is this Aa-chan bit!?
WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW SHE MIGHT GET TOGETHER WITH ONE OF THEM, I GET REALLY WORRIED..
AT LONG LAST, ARIMI GAVE UP ON MATSUURA, BUT..

REALLY, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU GAVE UP ON...
EITHER WAY, THERE'S NO HOPE FOR YOU, RIGHT?
ARIMI-SAN IS AMA-A-ZING!
THE TOP 3 ARE HER FAN CLUB...
Huhh
SUZUKI-SAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOU IS AWFULLY COLD.
BUT, TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, DOESN'T SHE DISLIKE YOU?
WHA-A-AT !?
YOU JERK, YOU'RE SAYING THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU YOURSELF ARE BROKEN-HEARTED!
IT'S NOT THAT SHE DISLIKES ME!
YOU'RE WRONG!
I WONDER IF THAT'S SO...
ARIMI PROBABLY DOESN'T WANT TO RAISE MY EXPECTATIONS, SO SHE'S PURPOSELY STICKING TO A CHILLY ATTITUDE!
SURE...
SURE, I'VE TRIED TO GIVE HER UP MANY TIMES...

I'VE DECIDED
I'M GIVING UP ON YOU NOW
WHAT?
ARIMI!
If it's about a date I won't go out with you!
But...
I'LL FIND ANOTHER GIRL TO LOVE
SMILE !!
REALLY !?
I'M GLAD! YOU FINALLY UNDERSTOOD ME!

Just as a normal friend, Arimi smiles at me, too.
G-good
Good morning, Rokuta-kun!
Treats me with kindness.
And so-o-o ...
Rokuta-kun!
Let me copy what the test will cover, Rokutan! A-a-a
I love you after all, Arimi-i-i!
SPRING
What's the matter?
CRASH!

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ARIMI-I-I...

HUMPH!

IF THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, THEN DON'T COME NEAR ME ANYMORE!

FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UP TO NOW,

THIS PATTERN HAS BEEN REPEATED

EVEN I WANT TO ESCAPE THIS SORT OF PAIN IT'S LIKE BEING IN A MAZE WITH NO EXIT

BUT...

I CAN'T GIVE HER UP AFTER A-A-ALL.

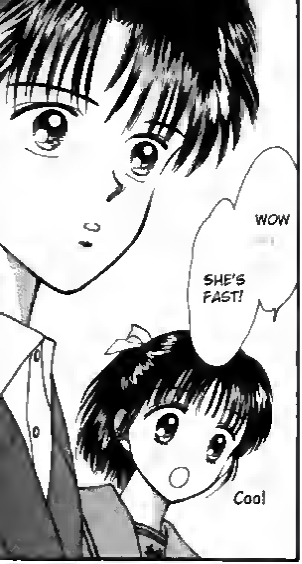
WHY IS SHE SO CUTE? ARIMI-I-I!

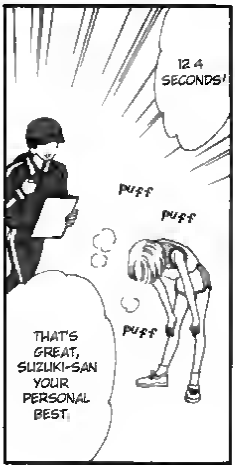
LET'S GO!

We'll leave this idiot alone.

YEAH

HEH?
HEH?
HEH?
HEH?
HEH?
SHI-I-IT
THAT GUY IS NO LONGER A MATCH FOR ME!
OF COURSE WITH THIS ONE, I'VE BEATEN TSUTOMU 3 STRAIGHT TIMES!
YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD, GINTA.
BANG!

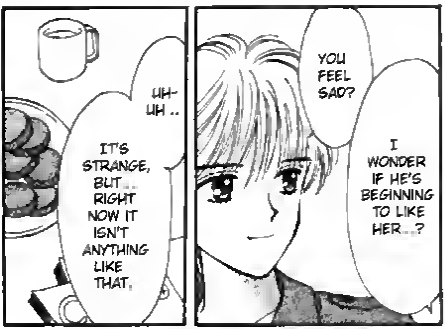

WOW
SHE'S FAST!
Cool


12.4 SECONDS!
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
THAT'S GREAT, SUZUKI-SAN YOUR PERSONAL BEST.

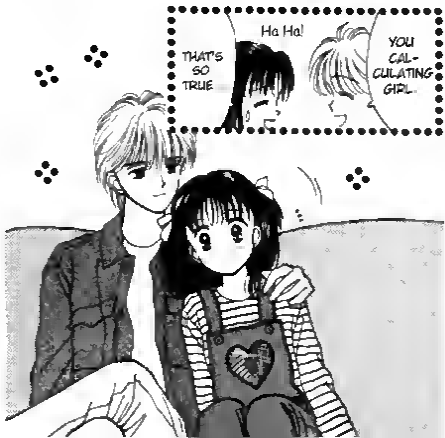
AH HA HA.
IF YOU HAD BEEN SERIOUS FROM THE START, YOU COULD HAVE GENERATED AN EVEN MORE AMAZING RECORD, BUT... AHH, WHAT A WASTE!
JEEZ, ALTHOUGH YOU WERE A "GHOST MEMBER" WHO WAS ONLY WILD ABOUT PLAYING AROUND, YOU'RE STILL THIS FAST.
I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE IF I RUN, THEN I CAN FORGET ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS...
WELL ....
IT'S A CHANGE OF PACE.
BUT WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY GET THE URGE TO DO THINGS SERIOUSLY?
REALLY, REALLY.
I'M NOT SO SURE
ANYWAY, FROM NOW ON I'LL BE DOING THINGS PROPERLY
REALLY-Y-Y?
I'M DEPENDING ON YOU, NOW...

WHA-
WHAT IS IT!?
Stare
Ah!
THUMP
WEREN'T YOU BEING CHARMED BY HER JUST NOW?
I-
IDIOT! WHY WOULD I!?!
I WAS ONLY...!
ONLY.. ?
ONLY...
THAT AN INNOCENT SMILE LIKE THAT...
WOULD BE WAY BETTER THAN HER USUAL PRIM LOOK...
WAS ALL THAT I WAS THINKING ...

OW!
WHAP!
IT'S NOTHING!
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT!?
BLEAH
THAT HU-U-URT!
YOU WHACKED ME FOR REAL JUST NO-O-OW!
HMM
. AND SO THAT'S IT.
GINTA DENIED IT, BUT HE SEEMS AWFULLY CONCERNED ABOUT ARIMI-SAN.
CUTE!


YOU FEEL SAD?
I WONDER IF HE'S BEGINNING TO LIKE HER...?
UH-UH..
IT'S STRANGE, BUT... RIGHT NOW IT ISN'T ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT RIGHT NOW I'M YOUR NUMBER ONE.
RIGHT NOW, I THINK THAT EVEN IF MEIKO FINDS A BOYFRIEND, I WON'T FEEL SAD.

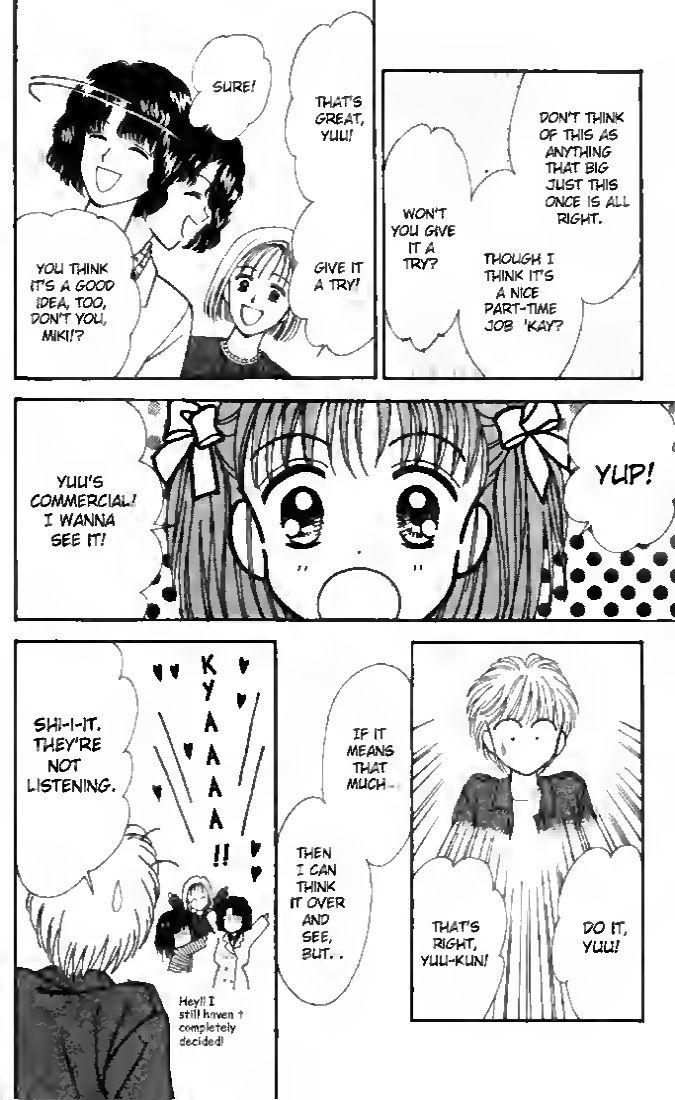

YOU CAL-CULATING GIRL.
Ha Ha!
THAT'S SO TRUE.

I'M QUITE PAMPERED, AND HE QUICKLY WANTS TO COME IN CONTACT WITH ME.
(OF COURSE, I DON'T MIND.)
ONCE HE OPENED HIS HEART TO ME, YUU'S BEEN AWFULLY GENTLE.
THE WARMTH OF YUU'S BODY...
IS VERY PLEASANT
WHAT!? GRRRR!
THOUGH, AS USUAL, THERE ARE THESE KINDS OF PRACTICAL JOKES.
PINCH!

GRR
YOU'RE

FWIP!
WE'RE HOME!
SLAM!
clack
JIN AND YOUJI STILL HAVEN'T COME HOME?
HUH?
Wasn't that unusual?
WE RAN INTO EACH OTHER AT THE STATION AND CAME HOME TOGETHER
jabber jabber
SAY, LISTEN FOR A SEC!
I HAVE SOME AWFULLY BIG NEWS
FALLING FROM THE SOFA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MIKI?
I separated it so quickly
NAHHH HA HA
WELCOME HO-O-OME

YUU-KUN
WON'T YOU BE MY COMPANY'S COMMERCIAL MODEL?
YUP!
HUH?
WHEN YOU SAY "YOUR COMPANY," RUMI-SAN, YOU MEAN YOUR COSMETICS...
LOOK, I'M IN THE PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT, RIGHT?
THERE WAS TALK THAT THEY WANTED TO USE A FRESH, UNSULLIED MODEL IN A PRODUCT LAUNCH COMMERCIAL..
SO I SHOWED THEM YUU-KUN'S PICTURE AND EVERYONE LIKED IT A LOT!
DOING THAT WITHOUT ASKING...
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN BECOMING SOME PUBLIC ENTERTAINER!?


SURE!
THAT'S GREAT, YUU!
YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA, TOO, DON'T YOU, MIKI!?
GIVE IT A TRY!
DON'T THINK OF THIS AS ANYTHING THAT BIG JUST THIS ONCE IS ALL RIGHT.
WON'T YOU GIVE IT A TRY?
THOUGH I THINK IT'S A NICE PART-TIME JOB 'KAY?
YUU'S COMMERCIAL! I WANNA SEE IT!
YUP!
SHI-I-IT. THEY'RE NOT LISTENING.
KYAAAA!!
Hey!! I still haven't completely decided!
IF IT MEANS THAT MUCH...
THEN I CAN THINK IT OVER AND SEE, BUT..
THAT'S RIGHT, YUU-KUN!
DO IT, YUU!

Yup Yup
I WAS THINKING THERE'S NO WAY WE WON'T MAKE THE MOST OF THOSE GOOD LOOKS
THAT MY SON WOULD BE PERFORMING IN A COMMERCIAL IS SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF ♡
IT'LL BE FUN
SO LIKE, WHAT KIND OF COMMERCIAL IS IT?
PERFUME
WOW!
AND, Y'KNOW, THE CO-STAR IS GREAT, TOO.
IT'S SAKUMA SUZU-CHAN
SHE'S A PRETTY MODEL WHOSE POPULARITY IS ZOOMING RIGHT NOW!
SAKUMA SUZU...
COULD SHE BE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN APPEARING A LOT IN MAGAZINES LATELY?
THIS GIRL?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT HER!!
CUTE

UTE 4
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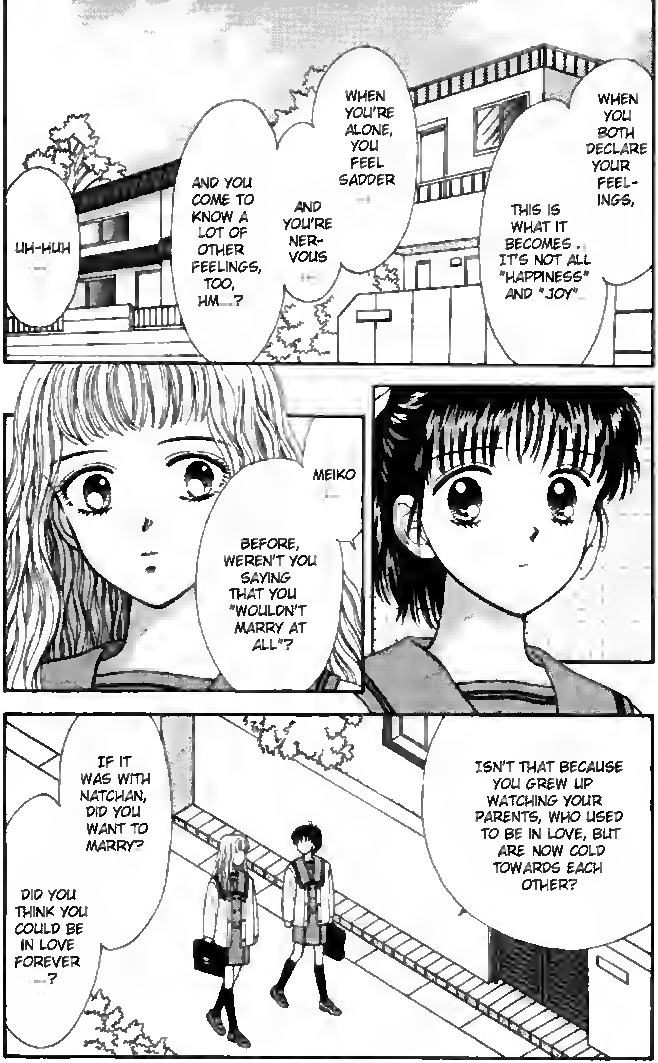
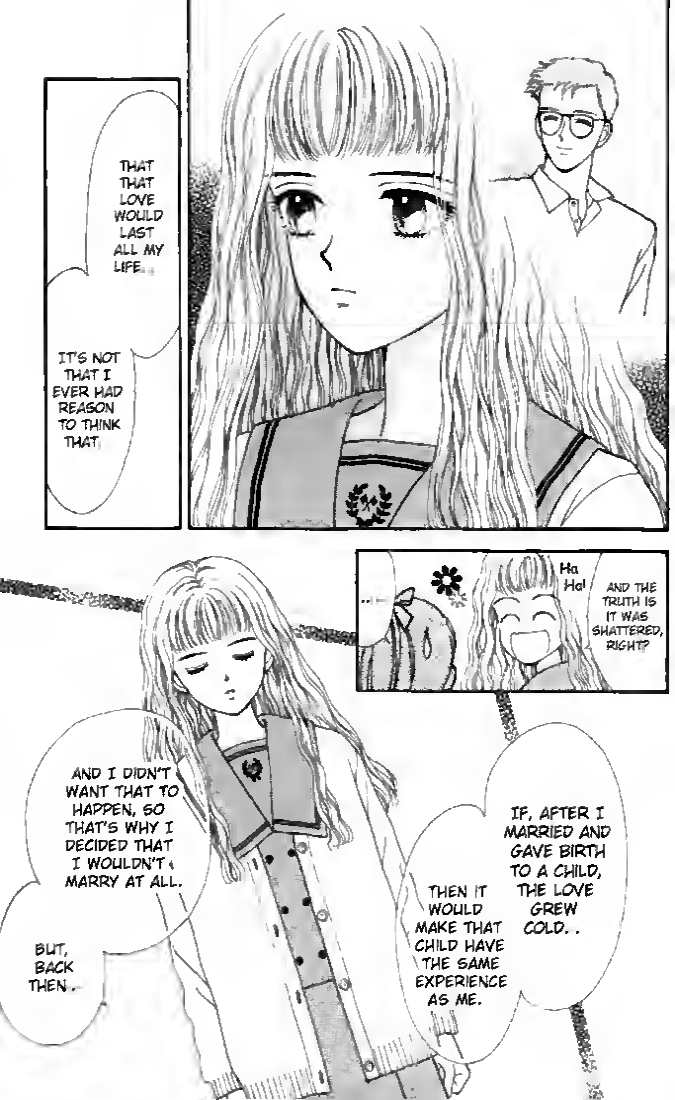
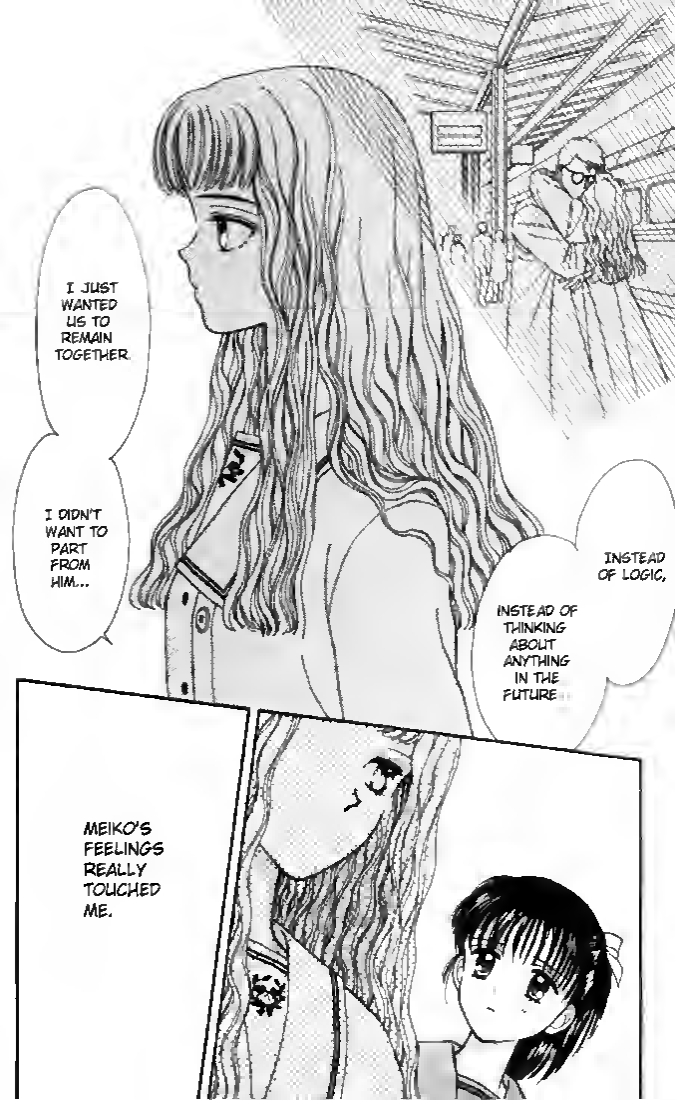
ISN'T SHE!?
HEY, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, TOO, YUU-KUN.
WOWWW. SHE'S CUTE.
IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE SEEN THIS FACE SOMEWHERE
BECAUSE SHE'S BEING PROMOTED RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?
YOU'RE KIDDING...
APPEARING TOGETHER WITH SUCH A CUTE GIRL!?

HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF!
EVEN ARIMI-SAN IS AWFULLY CUTE, BUT MATSUURA-KUN CHOSE YOU FOR A GIRLFRIEND INSTEAD.
YEAH...
BUT I'M NERVOUS.
IT'S ALL RI-I-GHT
UH-HUH. I UNDER-STAND, BUT...
I'M ALWAYS AROUND 10% NERVOUS
I CAN'T PLUNGE MYSELF 100% INTO FEELING HAPPY...
I'M VERY HAPPY RIGHT NOW, WHICH MAKES ME EVEN MORE FEARFUL OF HAVING THAT HAPPINESS SHATTERED
I'M THINKING, "I WONDER HOW LONG THIS HAPPINESS WILL LAST?"


WHEN YOU BOTH DECLARE YOUR FEELINGS,
THIS IS WHAT IT BECOMES... IT'S NOT ALL "HAPPINESS" AND "JOY"
WHEN YOU'RE ALONE, YOU FEEL SADDER
AND YOU'RE NERVOUS
AND YOU COME TO KNOW A LOT OF OTHER FEELINGS, TOO, HM...?
UH-HUH
MEIKO
BEFORE, WEREN'T YOU SAYING THAT YOU "WOULDN'T MARRY AT ALL"?
ISN'T THAT BECAUSE YOU GREW UP WATCHING YOUR PARENTS, WHO USED TO BE IN LOVE, BUT ARE NOW COLD TOWARDS EACH OTHER?
IF IT WAS WITH NATCHAN, DID YOU WANT TO MARRY?
DID YOU THINK YOU COULD BE IN LOVE FOREVER ...?

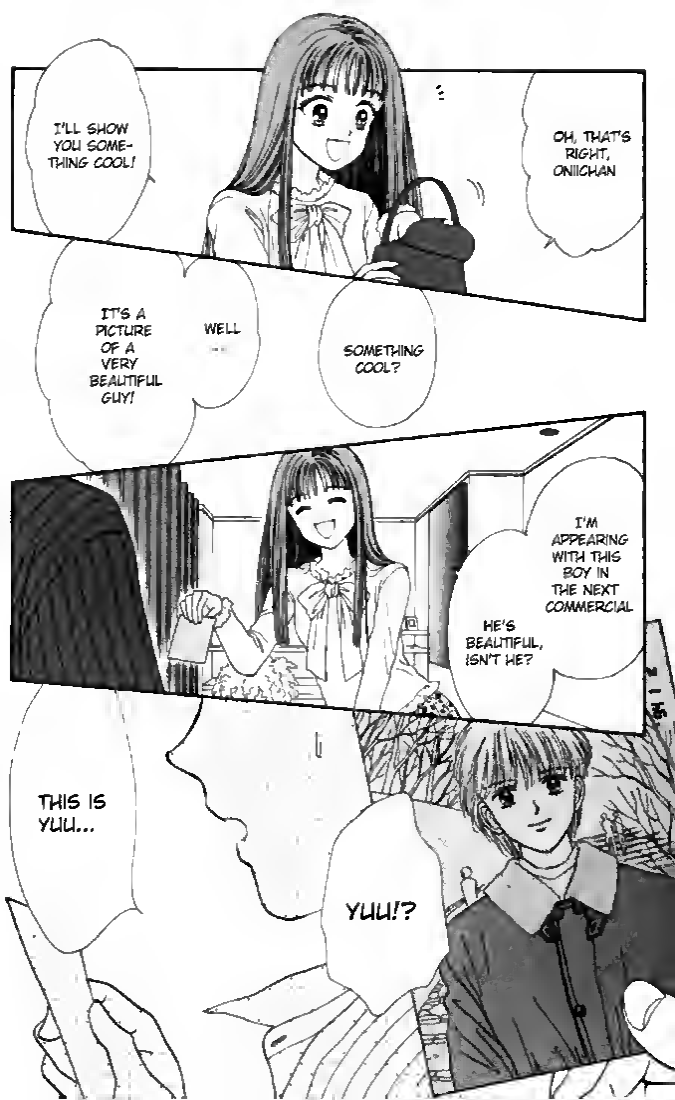

THAT THAT LOVE WOULD LAST ALL MY LIFE...
IT'S NOT THAT I EVER HAD REASON TO THINK THAT
...!
Ha Ha!
AND THE TRUTH IS IT WAS SHATTERED, RIGHT?
AND I DIDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN, SO THAT'S WHY I DECIDED THAT I WOULDN'T MARRY AT ALL.
BUT, BACK THEN.
IF, AFTER I MARRIED AND GAVE BIRTH TO A CHILD, THE LOVE GREW COLD..
THEN IT WOULD MAKE THAT CHILD HAVE THE SAME EXPERIENCE AS ME.


I JUST WANTED US TO REMAIN TOGETHER.
I DIDN'T WANT TO PART FROM HIM...
INSTEAD OF LOGIC,
INSTEAD OF THINKING ABOUT ANYTHING IN THE FUTURE...
MEIKO'S FEELINGS REALLY TOUCHED ME.

THAT NATCHAN IS THE ONLY ONE SHE LOVES...
EVEN NOW, HER FEELINGS THAT NATCHAN...
WERE MADE KNOWN TO A PAINFUL EXTENT.

CUTE
THIS COVER... YOUR PICTURE CAME OUT REALLY CUTE.
YUP.
SAY, COMPARED TO LAST MONTH'S COVER, WHICH ONE'S CUTE?
I CAN'T DECIDE
HMM... WELL...
REALLY?
THANK YOU, ONIICHAN

TEE HEE!
BOTH ARE AWFULLY CUTE
AFTER ALL, SUZU, YOU'RE THE COUSIN OF WHOM I'M PROUD..
I'M NOT DOING THEM.
I DON'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN ACTING.
SUZU, ARE YOU DOING A MOVIE OR A DRAMA?
YOU'RE GETTING A LOT OF OFFERS LIKE THAT COMING YOUR WAY, AREN'T YOU?
IT'S OKAY!
SOMEHOW, THAT'S A WASTE, HUH
HMM...
THAT'S WHY I LIKE BEING A MODEL.
I LIKE WEARING BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES AND HAVING MY PICTURE TAKEN.


I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING COOL!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT, ONIICHAN
IT'S A PICTURE OF A VERY BEAUTIFUL GUY!
WELL ...
SOMETHING COOL?
I'M APPEARING WITH THIS BOY IN THE NEXT COMMERCIAL
HE'S BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T HE?
THIS IS YUU...
YUU!?

.....
YOU KNOW HIM, ONIICHAN?
YUP.
I KNOW HIM VERY WELL.

HAPPY AS A LARK!
HEY, GINTA. LOOK, LOOK. ♡
TORYO UNIVERSITY ATTACHED
SURE ENOUGH, WE WERE RIGHT TO DO THESE IN DARK BLUE, HUH.
THE PRINTING ON THE BACK'S COOL, TOO!
DON'T UNFOLD THEM IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
C'N'T YOU JUST WAIT UNTIL WE GET BACK TO SCHOOL?
BU-U-UT, I WANTED TO HURRY AND SEE THEM. ♡
CAUSE THE CLUB TRAINING SHIRTS WE ORDERED ARE FINISHED AT LAST.
?
WHAT IS IT?
AH.
I want to hurry and show them to everyone! ♥

ART
AH!
ARIMI-SA..
Sorry to keep you waiting

Thanks for the treat
You're welcome.
THAT GUY... ...IS IN ARIMI-SAN'S FAN CLUB
I SEE...
"MURA-YAMA" OR SOME-THING...
SHE DECIDED TO GO OUT WITH THAT GUY, HUH
I SEE..
HUH? IS IT MURATA?
MURA-KAWA?
Murasawa? Mumki? Murasame?

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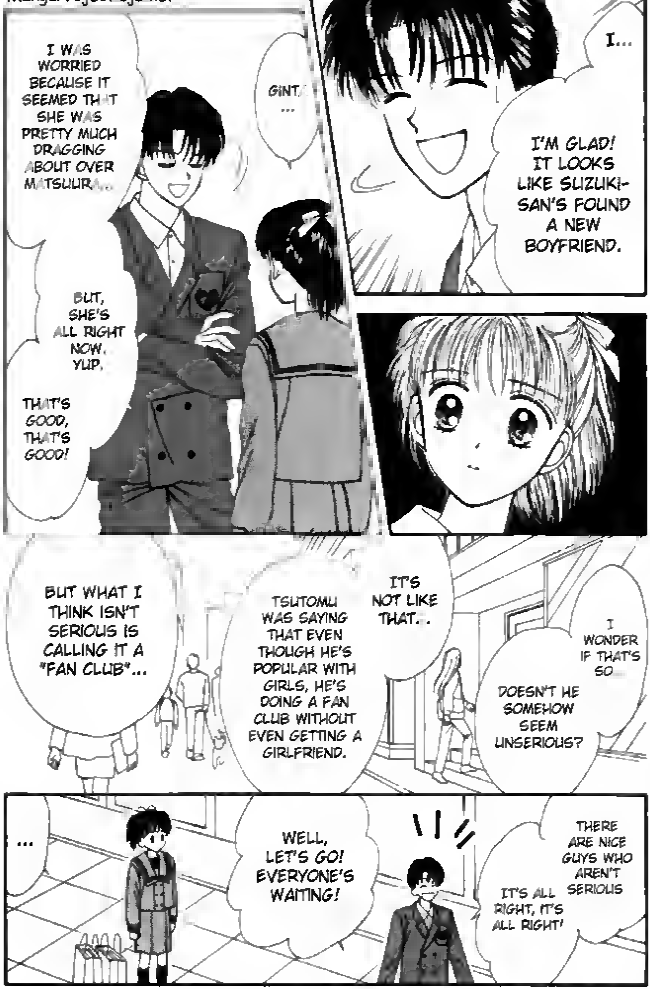
I...
I'M GLAD! IT LOOKS LIKE SUZUKI-SAN'S FOUND A NEW BOYFRIEND.
GINT
...
I WAS WORRIED BECAUSE IT SEEMED THAT SHE WAS PRETTY MUCH DRAGGING ABOUT OVER MATSUURA...
BUT, SHE'S ALL RIGHT NOW, YUP.
THAT'S GOOD, THAT'S GOOD!
I WONDER IF THAT'S SO...
DOESN'T HE SOMEHOW SEEM UNSERIOUS?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT..
TSUTOMU WAS SAYING THAT EVEN THOUGH HE'S POPULAR WITH GIRLS, HE'S DOING A FAN CLUB WITHOUT EVEN GETTING A GIRLFRIEND.
BUT WHAT I THINK ISN'T SERIOUS IS CALLING IT A "FAN CLUB"...
THERE ARE NICE GUYS WHO AREN'T SERIOUS
IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S ALL RIGHT!
WELL, LET'S GO! EVERYONE'S WAITING!
...

THEN IS THAT OKAY? HUH?
IS IT OKAY TO JUST LEAVE IT LIKE THIS?
EH...?
GINTA ...
IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE PERSUADING YOURSELF.
.....
I'LL HAVE TO TRY HARD AND GET A GIRLFRIEND, TOO!
Just joking
Ah ha ha
AHHHH . I WONDER IF THERE'S A CUTE GIRL SOMEWHERE?
OF COURSE IT'S OKAY.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...?
STRANGE GIRL
THIS GUY REALLY CAN'T MAKE A POKER FACE.
AND THE CORNER OF HIS MOUTH ALSO TWITCHES
HE GETS WRINKLES IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS FOREHEAD
Ha ha ha ha

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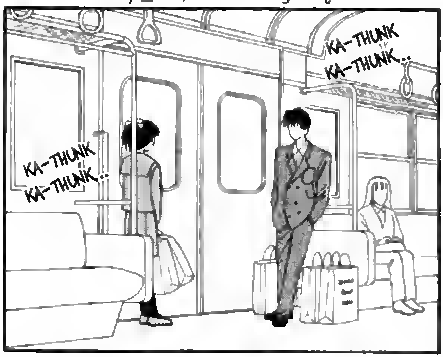
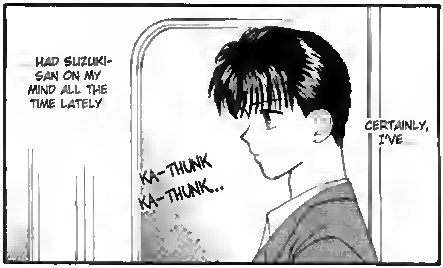




HER SAD EXPRESSION WHEN SHE TALKED ABOUT MATSUURA
ARE ETCHED IN MY MIND AND I CAN'T GET IT OUT
HER INNOCENT, SMILING FACE WHEN SHE WAS PARTICIPATING ON HER TEAM...

THAT I WAS REJECTED BY MIKI, AND THAT SUZUKI-SAN HAS BEEN ON MY MIND LATELY... THAT IS BEING TOO UNSERIOUS.
SUZUKI-SAN KNOWS HOW MUCH I LIKED MIKI.
BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO BE DONE!
EVEN I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BELIEVE IT MYSELF.
KA-THUNK KA-THUNK...
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.
I'LL ONLY BE DESPISED
KA-THUNK KA-THUNK...
SOMEONE WHOM SHE LOVED SO VERY MUCH...
I COULD NEVER REPLACE SUCH A PERSON.
ON TOP OF THAT...
I ALSO WELL KNOW HOW MUCH SUZUKI-SAN LIKED MATSUURA

IN ANY CASE... I PROBABLY WON'T HAVE ANY CHANCE TO SEE HER ANYMORE.
BEFORE LONG...
...FADE AWAY NATURALLY...
IT'S BETTER THAT WAY.
THE FEELINGS THAT GO SO FAR AS "SHE'S ON MY MIND A BIT" WILL SORT OF...
KA-THUNK KA-THUNK..
KA-THUNK KA-THUNK..

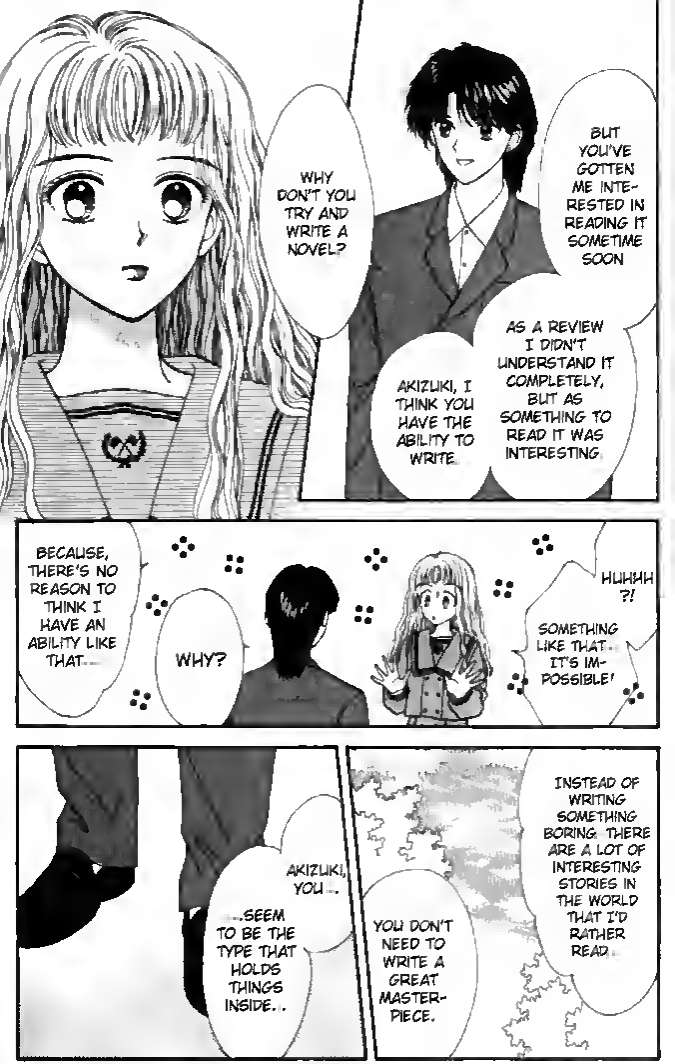
MIWA-SA-A-AN!
HI.
GRAD-UATION EXERCISES
1994
CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON YOUR GRAD-UATION!
THANK YOU.
WELL? MY ADDRESS WAS COOL, WASN'T IT?
YEAH!
IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU WERE ALWAYS LIKE THAT!
SORRY, I FELL ASLEEP.
ME TOO.
"..."
IF IT'S NOT ONE, IT'S THE OTHER

WELL, EVEN THOUGH I'M GRADUATING THE COLLEGE IS ON THE SAME GROUNDS
AND I'LL COME TO VISIT NOW AND THEN, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO FEEL SAD

WHO'LL FEEL SAD?
C'MO-O-ON,
BE TRUE TO YOUR FEELINGS.

THAT'S RIGHT I READ THAT!
YOU PUBLISHED "UPDIKE ESSAY" IN THE CLUB MAGAZINE.
AHH
HOW WAS IT?

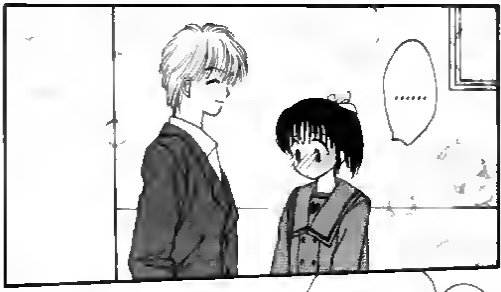
HA HA!
UMM... I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT WELL
I HAVEN'T READ UPDIKE.


WHY DON'T YOU TRY AND WRITE A NOVEL?
BUT YOU'VE GOTTEN ME INTERESTED IN READING IT SOMETIME SOON
AS A REVIEW I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT COMPLETELY, BUT AS SOMETHING TO READ IT WAS INTERESTING.
AKIZUKI, I THINK YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO WRITE.
BECAUSE, THERE'S NO REASON TO THINK I HAVE AN ABILITY LIKE THAT...
WHY?
HUHHH?!
SOMETHING LIKE THAT... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
AKIZUKI, YOU...
...SEEM TO BE THE TYPE THAT HOLDS THINGS INSIDE..
YOU DON'T NEED TO WRITE A GREAT MASTERPIECE.
INSTEAD OF WRITING SOMETHING BORING. THERE ARE A LOT OF INTERESTING STORIES IN THE WORLD THAT I'D RATHER READ..

IF YOU TRY AND ARRANGE IT IN WRITING, WON'T YOU FEEL REFRESHED?
ABOUT YOUR OWN SELF, OR ABOUT PEOPLE AROUND YOU
VARIOUS THINGS THAT YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT.
BUT...
I THINK WRITING A STORY WOULD BE FUN
GIVE IT A SHOT!
SEE YA!
I'M SURE YOU CAN WRITE.
WHEN YOU'RE DONE LET ME READ IT

AKIZUKI HAS A SERIOUS LOOK ON HER FACE AND SHE'S FOLLOWING SATOSHI-SAN WITH HER EYES...
I WONDER IF THERE WAS SOME PROGRESS?
Had the good sense to hide.
IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE SHE GIVES IN TO THIS, HM
HUHHH? THAT ISN'T IT.
MEIKO STILL HASN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT NATCHAN.
EHH? ARE YOU SURE?
YUP!
THEN, SHALL WE BET?
NO, I WON'T BET..
OVER MEIKO..
I DON'T WANT TO BET LIKE THAT.
CHUCKLE

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU.
WHISPER SECRETLY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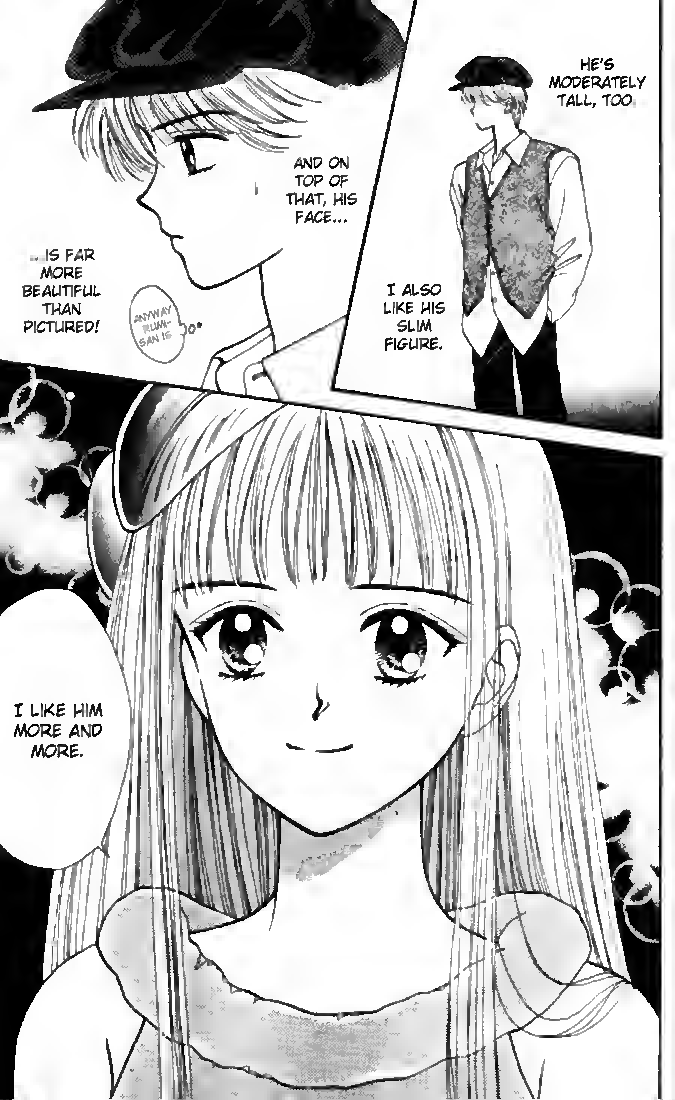
UH-HUH.
YOU'RE FILMING THE COMMERCIAL THIS SUNDAY, RIGHT?
SAY,
DON'T TWO-TIME ME WITH SUZU-CHAN!

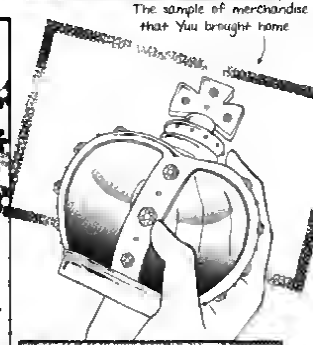
DUMMY.
I WON'T.

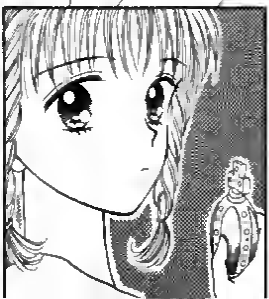
YUU-KUN! COME OVER HERE
FILM STUDIOS ARE A MESS...
BUZZZ
BUZZ
Director
I'M DEPENDING ON YOU TODAY, YUU-KUN
AH, YES.
I'M IN YOUR HANDS...
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY LINES AND VERY LITTLE ACTION, SO IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT
TAKE IT EASY, OKAY?
HERE'S THE STORY-BOARD LOOK IT OVER, OKAY?
OKAY.
RUSTLE...

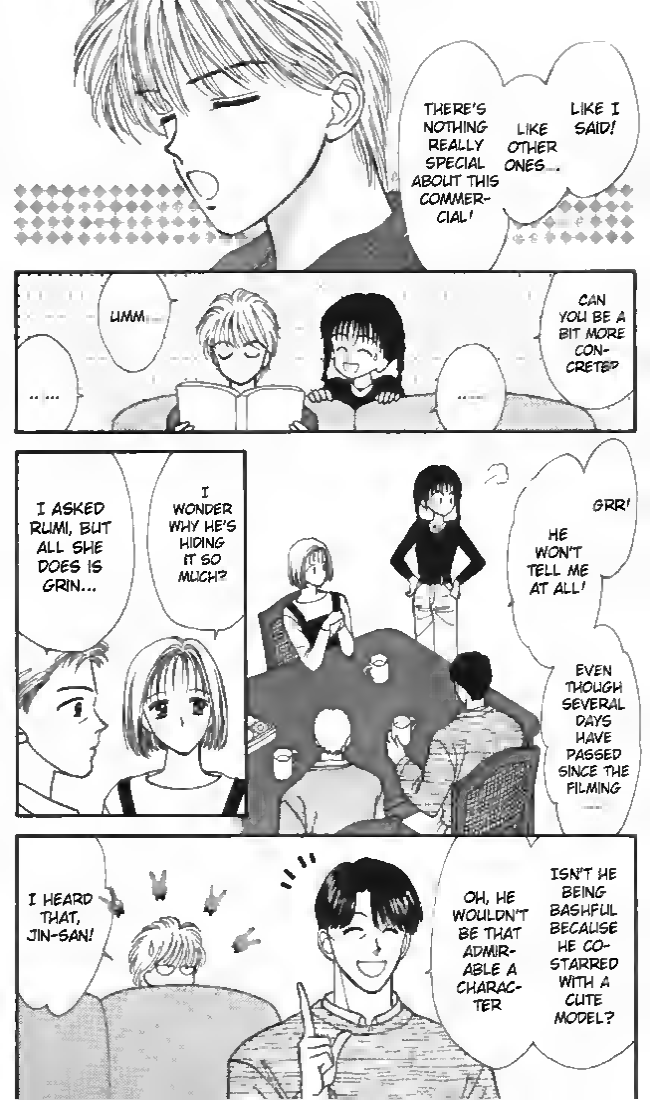
FOUND OUT AT LAST, HUH?
YUP. ♡
GOOD ROLE, ISN'T IT?
RUMI-SAN...
COULD IT BE THAT WHAT I'M DOING...
CRUSH!
HOLD IT!
TIGHTLY
I'M GOING HO...
WE CAN'T HAVE THAT NOW THAT IT'S COME THIS FAR, CAN WE, YUU-KUN.
DO YOU INTEND TO DISGRACE ME?
DAZZLE
Why you
It's not that I deceived you
It's just that I kept silent ♡


HE'S MODERATELY TALL, TOO.
I ALSO LIKE HIS SLIM FIGURE.
AND ON TOP OF THAT, HIS FACE...
...IS FAR MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN PICTURED!
ANYWAY RUMI-SAN IS
I LIKE HIM MORE AND MORE.

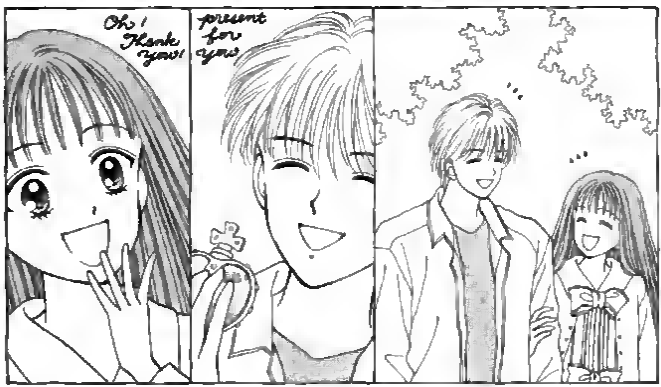
HEY, YUU.
I THINK YOU CAN TELL US ALREADY, HUH.
WHAT KIND OF COMMERCIAL DID YOU SHOOT?
SHONEN JUMP


The sample of merchandise that Yuu brought home




THERE'S NOTHING REALLY SPECIAL ABOUT THIS COMMER-CIAL!
LIKE OTHER ONES...
LIKE I SAID!
UMM...
... ...
CAN YOU BE A BIT MORE CON-CRETE?
I ASKED RUMI, BUT ALL SHE DOES IS GRIN...
I WONDER WHY HE'S HIDING IT SO MUCH?
GRR!
HE WON'T TELL ME AT ALL!
EVEN THOUGH SEVERAL DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE FILMING
I HEARD THAT, JIN-SAN!
OH, HE WOULDN'T BE THAT ADMIR-ABLE A CHARAC-TER
ISN'T HE BEING BASHFUL BECAUSE HE CO-STARRED WITH A CUTE MODEL?

BEAUTIFUL...
COMPLETELY INLAID IN SILVER AND RHINESTONES...
AND WAS MAMA SAYING THAT IT'S AN EAU DE COLOGNE FOR TEENS TO TWENTY-SOMETHINGS RATHER THAN A PERFUME?
IF IT'S IN A CUTE BOTTLE LIKE THIS, THEN ONE CAN'T HELP BUT WANT IT...
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF COMMERCIAL IT IS...?

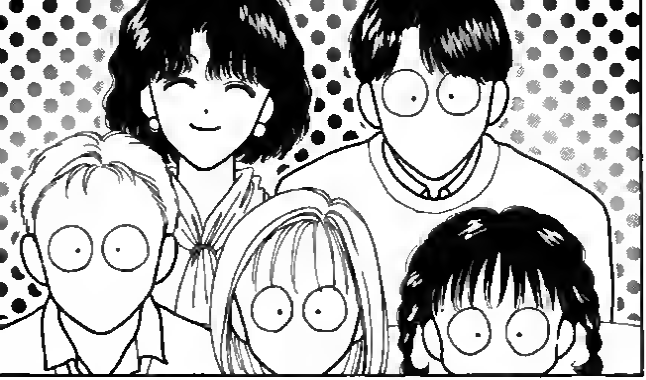

Oh! Thank you!
present for you

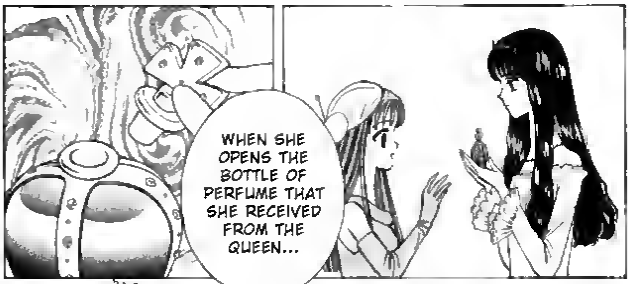
I love you♪
SQUEEZE
GET ANGRY!
AHH, DARN IT. JUST IMAGINING IT MAKES ME MAD!!
I WANT TO HURRY AND SEE THE REAL THING SO I CAN CLEAR MY MIND!!
STEAMED STEAMED STEAMED
WHAT'S WRONG?
NO IDEA.

TA-DAH!
THE VIDEO OF YUU-KUN'S COMMERCIAL PERFORMANCE! ♡
IT'S FRESHLY MADE AND PIPING HOT!
IS EVERYONE HERE? I BROUGHT A PRE-E-ESENT
I'M HO-O-OME!
SWISH!
FWIP!
RUMI-SA...
DON'T STRUGGLE
NEXT MONTH, THIS WILL STREAM INTO LIVING ROOMS NATIONWIDE...
SO PREPARE YOURSELF!
ANYWAY, IT'LL BE SEEN SOMETIME.
STAGGER
Ooh...!

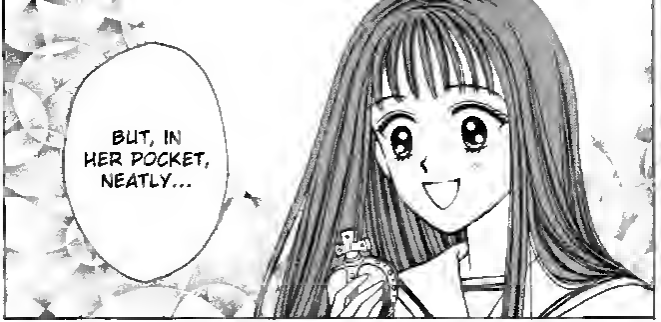
LOSE HEART
OKA-A-AY ♡
Kyaa!
Kyaa!
LEMME SEE!
SHOW IT, QUICK!
THE IMAGE IS A SPACE VERSION OF "ALICE IN WONDER-LAND".
IN THE BEGINNING IS A SCENE WHERE SUZU-CHAN IS FLOATING IN OUTER SPACE.

SHE LANDS ON A SMALL PLANET,
BUT WHEN SHE TURNS AROUND THERE LIES A PALELY GLEAMING PALACE.
WHEN SHE TIMIDLY GOES INSIDE,
IN THERE...
...THERE IS A BEAUTIFUL QUEEN...




WHEN SHE OPENS THE BOTTLE OF PERFUME THAT SHE RECEIVED FROM THE QUEEN...

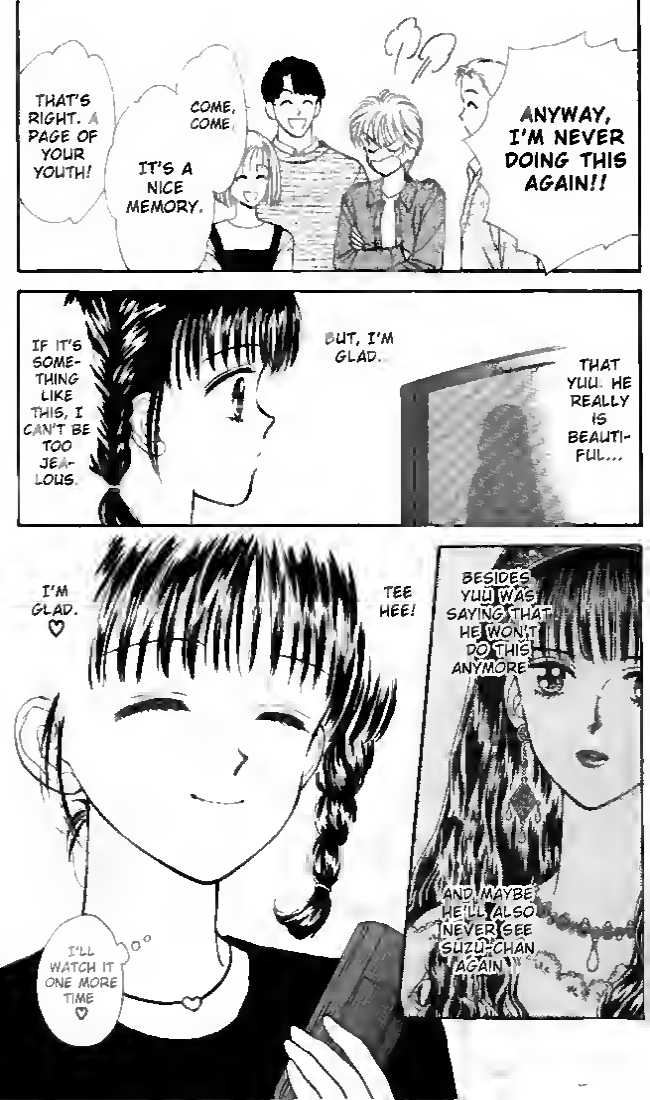
SUZU-CHAN AWAKES FROM SLUMBER AND FINDS HERSELF BACK IN THE REAL WORLD.



SISEIDO

CROWN

I WANTED TO GET IT OVER WITH QUICKLY, SO I PUT UP WITH THAT!
MAYBE, UNEXPECTEDLY, HE WAS GETTING INTO IT ....
YET YUU-KUN WAS GRUMBLING AT FIRST ..
BUT WHEN IT CAME TIME TO FILM HE WASN'T RELUCTANT AND HE DID THINGS IN GOOD ORDER.
And she was saying "queen"
UH-HUH NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT.
THAT'S CROSS-DRESSING, ISN'T IT ...?
AND ON TOP OF THAT!
I'LL SAY IT RIGHT NOW, BUT I'M NOT A CROSS-DRESSER !!
THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT HE WANTED TO PRODUCE AN ANDRO-GYNOUS ATMO-SPHERE ...
DON'T REWIND AND WATCH IT AGAIN!
AH! HEY! MIKI!


THAT'S RIGHT. A PAGE OF YOUR YOUTH!
COME, COME.
IT'S A NICE MEMORY.
ANYWAY, I'M NEVER DOING THIS AGAIN!!
IF IT'S SOMETHING LIKE THIS, I CAN'T BE TOO JEALOUS.
BUT, I'M GLAD.
THAT YUU. HE REALLY IS BEAUTIFUL...
I'M GLAD. ♡
TEE HEE!
BESIDES YUU WAS SAYING THAT HE WON'T DO THIS ANYMORE
AND MAYBE HE'LL ALSO NEVER SEE SUZU-CHAN AGAIN
I'LL WATCH IT ONE MORE TIME ♡

TRRRR
TRRRR
TRRR...
PEEP!
HELLO...
AHH, SATOSHI-SAN?
I HAVE A SMALL FAVOR TO ASK.
I WANT YOU TO DO A PART-TIME JOB ONCE A WEEK, BUT...
PART-TIME JOB? WHAT KIND?
TUTOR A JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT?
MY COUSIN IS A GIRL WHO'S NOW IN 2ND-YEAR JUNIOR HIGH.
PLEASE TEACH HER, FOCUSING ON ENGLISH AND MATH.

I'M COMING NOW.
OK-A-AY.
DING DONG
EH?
AH, THIS HOUSE
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN DESIGNATED AS "COOL".
BUT, WHY AREN'T YOU DOING IT, SATOSHI-SAN?
OH...!?
new record
XX
CLACK
WELCO-O-OME
YUU-SENSEI!

SO YOU'RE SATOSHI-SAN'S COUSIN ...?
SO NATURALLY, YOU TOLD HIM ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL, TOO, HUH
UH-HUH
HE SAID HE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO ITS TELECAST.
I HOPE HE NEVER SEES IT IN HIS LIFETIME
THAT COMMERCIAL IS BEAUTIFUL, SO I'VE TAKEN A REAL FANCY TO IT!
THE DESIGN OF THE PRODUCT IS VERY CUTE, TOO...
LOOK I WAS GIVEN THE SATURN THAT WAS USED IN THE FILMING
BEAUTI-FUL, ISN'T IT?
UH-HUH
SUZU LOVES BEAUTIFUL THINGS! CLOTHES AND ACCESSO-RIES AND .
I WANT TO LIVE MY LIFE SURROUNDED JUST BY THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS THAT I LIKE.

HMM.
Is that so ?
RIGHT NOW, WHAT I LIKE THE MOST IS..
YUU-SENSEI.
I REALLY LIKE YOU.
YOU'RE VERY BEAUTIFUL ...

AHHHH, FEELS GOOD!
IT'S FINALLY TURNED INTO THE SEASON WHERE WE CAN BASK IN THE SUN AT THE PARK, HUH?
OHH?

I SEE.
I WEAR IT EVERY DAY.
UH-HUH.
THIS BRACELET... IT'S THE ONE I GAVE YOU?
AH. I'D BETTER GET TO WORK NOW.
HUH!?
I WAS TOLD BEFORE THAT SHE REALLY LIKES ME
AHH.
WHAT!?
MAYBE IT'S THAT SUZU-CHAN LIKES YOU..
SHE ASKED FOR YOU THROUGH MIWA-SAN, DIDN'T SHE?
BE-CAUSE
THAT'S RIGHT, BUT WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ANGRY FOR?
TUTORING SUZU-CHAN AGAIN!?
HUFF

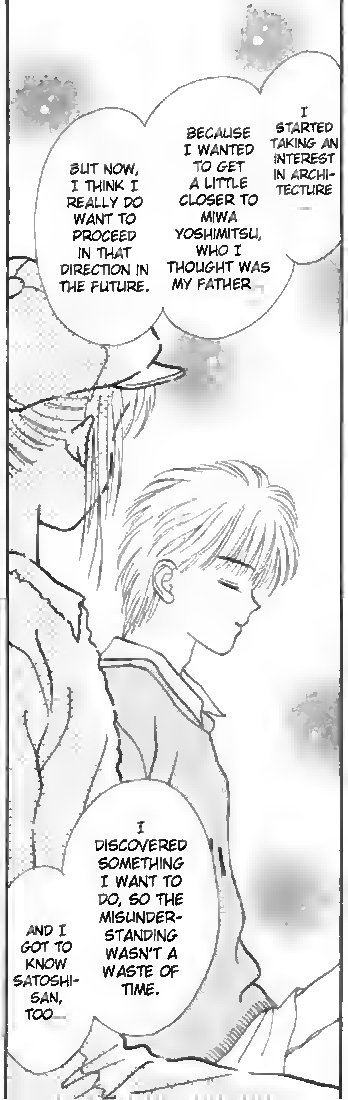
SHE SAID SHE LIKES BEAUTIFUL THINGS.
IT SEEMS THAT SHE'S TAKEN A FANCY TO MY FACE.
THERE'S NO DEEP SIGNIFICANCE.
SHE'S A CHILD.
I WONDER IF THAT'S TRUE...
SHE'LL PROBABLY BE TIRED OF LOOKING AT ME BEFORE LONG
I STACK UP THE SAME AS A FRILLY ONE-PIECE DRESS, OR A CRYSTAL ACCESSORY
GRR!
HE'S TREATING ME LIKE A CHILD...
HUH?
WHEN I TALKED ABOUT YOU SHE WANTED TO MEET YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT
PAT PAT
'KAY!?
AND SO THERE ISN'T ANYTHING TO BE JEALOUS OF AT ALL.
SO BEHAVE YOURSELF AND WAIT AT HOME FOR ME.

BUT...
...ACTUALLY, THAT...
...MAKES ME A LITTLE HAPPY. ♡
OKAY!
...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN AT LEAST GO SEE ISOZAKI ARATA OF KITAKYUUSHUU.
IF IT'S THIS MUCH, I WON'T BE GOING AS FAR AS TO SEE GAUDI OF BARCELONA THIS SUMMER BREAK...
I DID MY USUAL PART-TIME JOB AT THE SECONDHAND CLOTHES STORE AND APPEARED IN THE COMMERCIAL, AND... I WAS A TUTOR, TOO.
STILL, I EARNED QUITE A BIT THIS SPRING BREAK, DIDN'T I.
AHH...
COULD IT BE THAT THE TRIPS YOU TAKE BY YOURSELF EVERY NOW AND THEN...
WERE THEY SO YOU COULD LOOK AT ARCHITECTURE?
UH-HUH...
IN THE CITY OF KITAKYUUSHUU, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS THAT WERE DESIGNED BY THE ARCHITECT, MR. ARATA ISOZAKI.

UH-HUH. THAT'S TRUE.
THAT WAS NICE, HUH, YUU...

SAY,
YUU, IS IT OKAY IF I GO ON THE TRIP WITH YOU, TOO?

EH!?
C'MO-O-ON. I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU ON YOUR ARCHITECTURE TOURS WITHOUT BEING A BOTHER, SO...
WHILE WE'RE THERE, WE'LL VISIT THE FAMOUS SIGHTS AND EAT DELICIOUS THINGS, AND...
OH. IF THERE'S A HOT SPRING, THAT WOULD BE SUPER. ♡


I STARTED TAKING AN INTEREST IN ARCHITECTURE...
BECAUSE I WANTED TO GET A LITTLE CLOSER TO MIWA YOSHIMITSU, WHO I THOUGHT WAS MY FATHER...
BUT NOW, I THINK I REALLY DO WANT TO PROCEED IN THAT DIRECTION IN THE FUTURE.
I DISCOVERED SOMETHING I WANT TO DO, SO THE MISUNDERSTANDING WASN'T A WASTE OF TIME.
AND I GOT TO KNOW SATOSHI-SAN, TOO...

DO YOU UNDER-STAND THE SIGNIFI-CANCE OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
IN OTHER WORDS
THAT IT'S A "TRIP FOR TWO"...
'KAY!? I'M SURE IT'D BE FUN. ♡
OHH... SURE, IT COULD BE FUN, BUT
N... NO, I...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEA...
AH ...!
BLUSH
I SAID SOMETHING AWFUL!
OHHHH GOD! WHAT'LL I DO?
BLU-U-U-USH
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO WITH ME?
I WAS FEELING LIKE IT WAS JUST SOMETHING LIKE LAST YEAR'S FAMILY TRIP

I...
I'D LIKE TO GO
BLUSH
PAT
OK!
I'LL TAKE YOU ALONG

SEE YA!
THEN, I'M OFF TO WORK.
I HAVE TO EARN ENOUGH FOR BOTH OUR TRAVELING COSTS!
A TRIP FOR TWO WITH YUU...
FOR TWO...
FOR JUST THE TWO OF US...
SMILE OF SATISFACTION

I HAVE TO COME UP WITH MY OWN SHARE
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN
WASN'T HE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT "BOTH OUR TRAVELING COSTS"?
OHH? YUU, JUST NOW...
DON'T HAVE ANY SAVINGS AT ALL!
BUT, I
A-A-ALL RIGHT!
CLENCH!
FOR THE SAKE OF OUR TRIP ALONE TOGETHER
I'LL WORK PART-TIME, TOO!
...I'LL EARN MONEY!!

SOMEHOW, IT SEEMS THAT OUR DAYS IN HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE OVER ALL TOO SOON...
JUST WHEN I THINK I ENTERED SCHOOL NOT LONG AGO...
IT'S OUR FINAL SCHOOL YEAR ALREADY, HUH...
Year 3, Class B
EMBARRASSED LAUGH
EH HEH!
YEAH ACTU-ALLY
WORKING PART-TIME? WHY SO SUDDENLY ...?
A MAGA-ZINE LISTING PART-TIME JOBS
MIKI WHAT ARE YOU READING ?
HEYYY, LOOK!
!?
AMOROUSNESS
SIGH
EH HEH HEH HEHHH

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TA-DAH!
I BOUGHT I-I-IT
SHISEIDO'S CROWN. ♡
AHHHH! HOW NICE!
WAHHH. SO CUTE!
LET ME SEE, LET ME SEE.
CU-U-UTE, ISN'T SHE SUZU-CHAN.
OH! I KNOW WHAT THAT IS
IT'S THAT THING ON SAKUMA SUZU'S COMMER-CIAL, RIGHT?
THAT GIRL. I WONDER IF SHE'S THAT GREAT
NAH IF IT'S THAT COMMER-CIAL YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, THEN I KNOW IT, BUT...
WATCH THE "CROWN" COMMERCIAL AND SEE! SHE'S AW-W-WFULLY CU-U-UTE!!
EHHH!? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, GINTA?
...IF ANY-THING,
THE TALL WOMAN WHO APPEARS WITH HER IS MORE TO MY LIKING...

CLONK!!
SORRY MY HAND SLIPPED
I SAID MY HAND SLIPPED, DIDN'T I!? YOU BLITTHEAD,
IT'S BECAUSE YOU SAID SOMETHING DISGUSTING. IDIOT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MATSUURA-A-A?!!
HUMPH!
BECAUSE OF SUCH HARSH WORDS
HIS EYES ARE DOTS
WHA...
GET MAD
WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY!?
HE WHACKS ME ON THE HEAD AND, ON TOP OF THAT, CALLS ME AN IDIOT!?
STOP FOOLING AROUND! WHAT DID I DO!?
People who know the circumstances
TEE HEE HEE!
NOW, NOW, GINTA, CALM DOWN
STRANGELY, MATSUURA IS IN A BAD MOOD HUH

DAZZLING!
AHHHH, THAT WAS SO-O-O FUNNY!
BUT I FEEL A LITTLE SORRY FOR GINTA ABOUT THAT.
REALLY
NOT KNOWING THE REASON FOR THAT.
SORRY, BUT IT'S BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE THAT KIND OF COMMERCIAL.
I TOLD MEIKO AT THE TIME YOU DECIDED TO PERFORM IN IT...
SORRY, MATSUURA-KUN
I'LL NEVER TELL ANYONE.
I CERTAINLY HOPE SO.
Jeez.
MIKI-I-I.
WHY IS IT THAT AKIZUKI KNOWS THE REASON?
You blabbed it, huh, you jerk.

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YUUKO-CHAN.
I SAW YOUR COM-MER-CIAL. ♡
CLING!
I MEAN. YOUR BEAUTY WAS DAZZLING, HUH.
I FELL IN LOVE
FWIP!
!!
HE APPEARED AGAIN
I HEAR THAT THE AGREEMENT'S THAT NAMES WON'T BE GIVEN OUT? THAT'S SUCH A WASTE.
SA-TO-SHI-SA...
I'LL BECOME YOUR MANAGER, SO.. WHILE WE'RE AT IT, WHY DON'T I PROMOTE YOU THAT WAY IN THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD?
HA! HA! HA!
I'M SURE YOU'LL HAVE A FLOOD OF SIMILAR REQUESTS

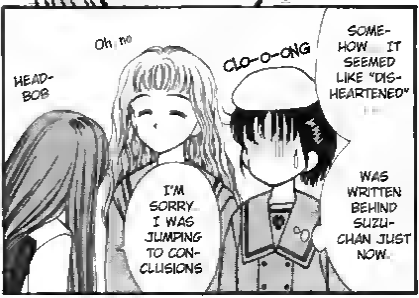
HUH?
H..
.....
.....
C'MON, YOU'VE GONE DEADPAN.
COULD IT BE YOU'VE REALLY GOTTEN MAD...?
O-OF COURSE, I'M JOKING, Y'KNOW.
I'M SORRY. CHEER UP AGAIN, YUU-U-U.
TEE HEE HEE
TEE HEE
ONII-CHAN!
YUU-SENSEI!

SUZU!
YUU-SENSEI, TODAY IS THE DAY YOU COME, RIGHT?
I CAME FOR YOU ♡
Your school's close by
SAKUMA SUZU!
WOWWW. THE REAL THING...!

TO THINK ONIICHAN'S WITH YOU, TOO LUCKY! ♡
SLENDER! LONG LEGS! TINY FACE!
SH...
SHE'S TOO CU-U-UTE!!
AHH.
YOU'RE MIKI-SAN, RIGHT!?
KYAAAA. I'M SO HAPPY! I'VE WANTED TO MEET YOU.
AH.
UMM

JUST AS I THOUGHT
AN INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL PERSON!!
HOW DO YOU D...
ZIP!
PERFECT FOR YUU-SENSEI! A HANDSOME MAN AND A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN!
AN AMAZING MA-A-ATCH! ♡
Kyal
Kyal
NO UHH. I'M..
THIS IS YUU'S GIRL-FRIEND
KOISHI-KAWA MIKI-SAN!
MY INTENDED GIRLFRIEND IN THE NEAR FUTURE!
AH HA HA
YOU'RE MIS-TAKEN, SUZU
THIS PERSON IS AKIZUKI MEIKO-SAN.
IT'S OKAY LET IT BE SAID JUST THIS MUCH

DISHEARTENED
...!
I SEE...


HEAD-BOB
Oh no
CLO-O-ONG
SOME-HOW IT SEEMED LIKE "DIS-HEARTENED"
I'M SORRY. I WAS JUMPING TO CON-CLUSIONS
WAS WRITTEN BEHIND SUZU-CHAN JUST NOW.

FWIP!
OH, YES!
IS IT OKAY IF I TAKE EVERYONE'S PICTURE?

IT'S SUZU'S HOBBY...
YUP!
SO WHEN I FIND SOMETHING I LIKE, I CAN TAKE PICTURES OF IT RIGHT AWAY.
A CAMERA....
IS THAT SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS CARRY AROUND?
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
THEN...
I'M TAKING PICTURES!
'BYE!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
SEE YOU LATER...

A SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL GIRL, WASN'T SHE
ISN'T THAT GREAT, MIKI?
BUT THERE DOESN'T REALLY SEEM TO BE A REASON TO THINK THAT SHE'S A CANDIDATE TO BE MATSUURA-KUN'S SWEETHEART, HM
UH-HUH
JUST AS YUU WAS SAYING, SHE SIMPLY LIKES LOOKING AT "BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE".
I'M A LITTLE RELIEVED
BUT THAT SHE WAS DISHEARTENED WAS A BIT OF A SHOCK
MAYBE I DON'T LOOK THAT GOOD WITH YUU
IT'S AROUND HERE, BUT... A SHOP THAT SELLS DELICIOUS SWEETS THAT WAS MENTIONED IN A MAGAZINE
OH...!?

Bobson's
HAND BLENDED ICE CREAMS
WOWWW
CUTE STORE!
THERE WAS AN ICE CREAM SHOP IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
Bobson's
open
REALLY.
SHALL WE GIVE UP ON THE SWEETS SHOP AND GO HERE?
RECRUITIN
FOR PART
TIME WOR
Time:
Wages:

SURE
YUU!
CAN I COME IN?
KNOCK KNOCK
I DECIDED TO WORK AT AN ICE CREAM SHOP.
WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT —!?
THIS IS THEIR UNIFORM!
WELL? HOW DO I LOOK !?
TA-DAHHH! ♬

CUTE, ISN'T IT. I LIKE IT!
SURE, BUT... ISN'T THE SKIRT A BIT SHORT?
HUH? REALLY?
IT'S NOT AS SHORT AS MY TENNIS OUTFIT, AND I WASN'T THAT CONCERNED, BUT...
I WONDER IF IT'S WEIRD...
MISERABLE
HEH!
IT'S NOT WEIRD. IT'S CUTE
REALLY!?
Come come
Bobson's
SIT DOWN? THERE?
SIT

Bakeen's
GRRRR ...
SPOILED BRAT..
HUG!
CAUGHT YOU.

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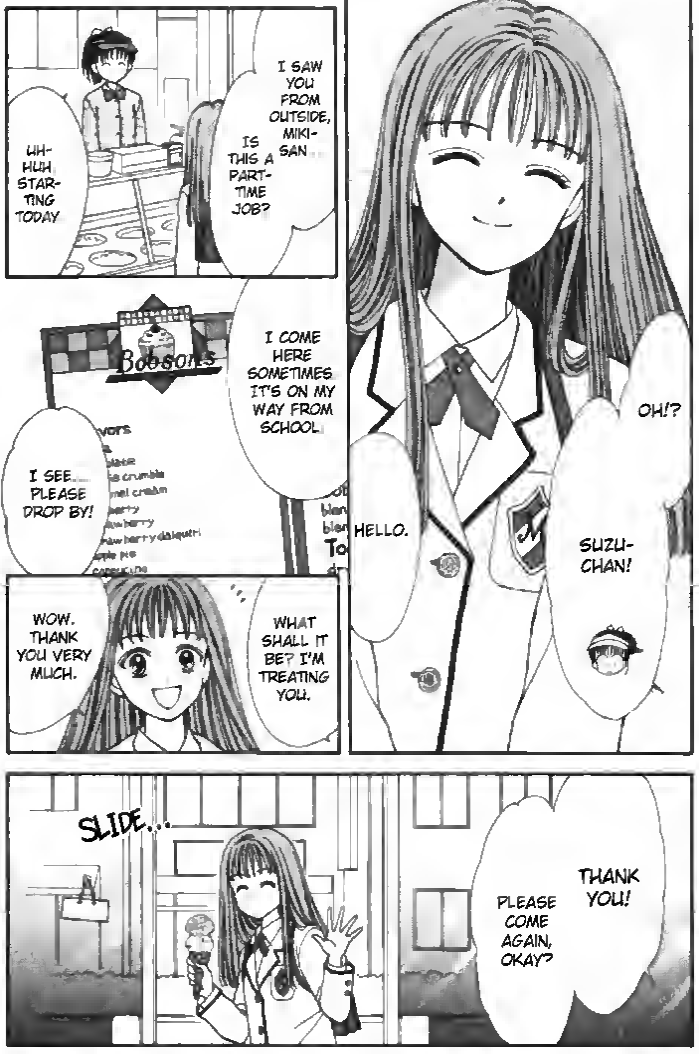
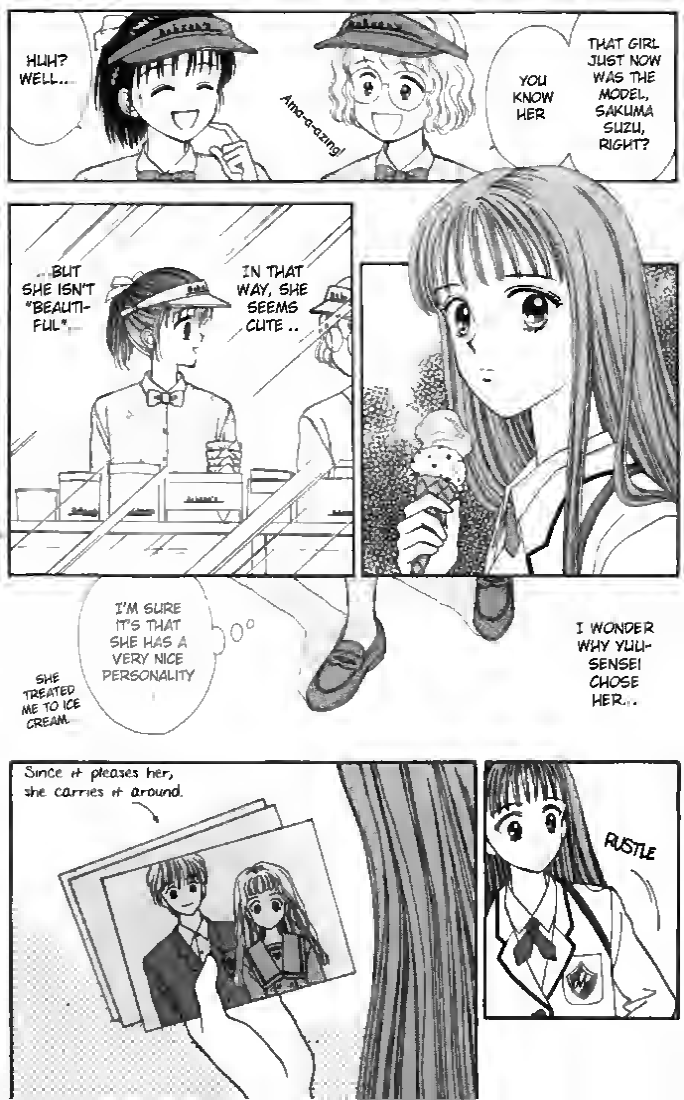

I SAW YOU FROM OUTSIDE, MIKI-SAN.
IS THIS A PART-TIME JOB?
UH-HUH. STARTING TODAY.
Boosons
I COME HERE SOMETIMES. IT'S ON MY WAY FROM SCHOOL.
I SEE... PLEASE DROP BY!
OH!?
HELLO.
SUZU-CHAN!
WHAT SHALL IT BE? I'M TREATING YOU.
WOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
SLIDE...
THANK YOU!
PLEASE COME AGAIN, OKAY?


HUH? WELL...
Ama-sa-zaing!
YOU KNOW HER
THAT GIRL JUST NOW WAS THE MODEL, SAKUMA SUZU, RIGHT?
...BUT SHE ISN'T "BEAUTIFUL"...
IN THAT WAY, SHE SEEMS CUTE ..
I'M SURE IT'S THAT SHE HAS A VERY NICE PERSONALITY
SHE TREATED ME TO ICE CREAM.
I WONDER WHY YUU-SENSEI CHOSE HER...
Since it pleases her, she carries it around.
RUSTLE

ONIICHAN AND MEIKO-SAN ARE A BEAUTIFUL COUPLE... BUT THEY DON'T QUITE MATCH..
IT'S BECAUSE OF ONIICHAN'S HAIRDO... HE SHOULD CUT IT!
SURE ENOUGH, THE COUPLE OF YUU-SENSEI AND MEIKO-SAN IS VISUALLY THE NICEST, BUT..
LIFE...
...DOESN'T GO AS IT SHOULD, DOES IT...
THE CHOCO-LATE CHIP IS GONE AL-READY
I HAVE TO GET MORE
THEN I'LL GO AND GET IT.

When entering the classroom make sure it's safe before searching.
LET'S SEE
CHOCO-LATE CHIP...
Chocolate chip
OH, THERE IT IS. THERE IT IS.
CLATTER
ISN'T THE SKIRT SHORT?

WHEN I CLIMB THE STEP-LADDER
MAYBE IT'S A LITTLE RISKY.
OH WELL, THAT'S OKAY.
BESIDES, NO ONE'S WATCH-ING.
Heave ho
SQUEAK..

Lson's

OH NO...
FWIPP!
KA-THUNK
KYAAA!
WOBBLE...
SMUSH
CRA-A-ASH!
CLONK!
THUD

Bobson's
OWW...
YIKES!
FWIP!
I...
I'M SO SORRY !!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?
ARE YOU HURT !?
Did you hit your head!?

ARE YOU REALLY ALL RIGHT? IT JUST FELT LIKE I LANDED HARD ON YOU...
I'M NOT HURT AT ALL
WHAT ABOUT YOU...?
I'M FINE.
AH! NO! I'M COMING NOW
KOISHI-KAWA-SAN! IS SOME-THING WRONG ?
2F
Some terrible noise
CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER..
BYE.
I'M REALLY SORRY!!